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£24,000 to be won

There is £24,000 to be won in There is £24,000 to be won in The Times Portfolio competition today – the weekly prize of £20,000 together with today's daily prize of £2,000 and a further £2,000 because there were no winners in yesterday's competition. Portfolio list, page 24; price changes, back page information service.

US threat of farm trade war

The United States plans an "agressive" campaign to win world agricultural markets by producing more and driving down prices. Mr John Block, the US Agriculture Secretary. said yesterday. His statement after US-EEC talks in Brussels on trade differences, sounded ominously like the declaration of an agricultural trade war.

Shares peak

Share prices soared on the stock market, with both main indices at record highs. Sterling was weak, gaining only 20 points to \$1.1920 Comment, page 19 Market report, page 21

Famine aid tax

The Prime Minister last night rejected pleas not to charge value-added tax on sales of the pop record made to raise money for Ethiopian famine victims MPs' opposition, page 3-

Scan 'safe'

The Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists has dismissed fears that ultrasound scanning could damage babies

Novelist jailed

The crime novelist Helen Hough was jalled for nine months for belging Miss Annetta Harding, aged 84; to commit suicide. Page 3

Patience forever There is a need for patient, sustained dialogue with Mos-

cow from here to eternity. Sir Geoffrey Howe said in Brussels. Nato's foreign minsiters agreed to expand East-West contacts

Ford peace hope A peace formula will be put on Monday to representatives of 270 women sewing machinists whose month-old strike has stopped all production at Ford

car plants. Vietnam trial

The trial began in Ho Chi Minh City of 21 men accused of plotting to overthrow the mmunist regime in Vietnam

Page 5 Sheriff's catch

After stalking them for five months, Sheriff Johany France caught the two mountain men of Beartrap Canyon, Montana, wanted for kidnap and murder

Botha accuses

President Botha of South Africa accused both the US and the Soviet Union of meddling in Africa, reflecting Pretoria's increasingly strained ties with

Heart man fights Artificial heart recipient Mr

William Schroeder is fighting back after his stroke but is now unable to speak. Page 4

Island sold Mr Anthony Duckworth, a Cayman Island resident has bought the 50-acre private Channel Island of Jethou, three miles from Guernsey for an

undisclosed price.

Costly credit The big stores offer the convenience of credit cards, but the interest costs can be far higher than those of Access and

Family Money, pages 23, 24 Euro Cup draw

Tottenham Hotspur will meet Real Madrid in the UEFA Cup quarter finals. The three other English clubs still in Europe have avoided their strongest opponents

Leader page, 7 Letters: On jobless young, from Mr R Hurst, BBC and boxing, Mr J Martin: Sunday shopping, Sir Terence Conran Leading articles: Mr Fowler's

bike; open the Budget; tramp in Obituary, page 8 Senor Vicente Aleixandre,

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Portfolio Walker tells TUC to make miners drop rigid demands

● The Government told the TUC the pit strike could not be settled until mineworkers' leaders dropped opposition to closure of loss-making pits. ● Working miners taking High Court action to make every NUM executive member responsible for a £200,000 contempt fine have excluded four moderate

police on the picket line.

workers' leaders dropped oppo-

mand that mines should close

TUC leaders will discuss the

next move with leaders of the

National Union of Minework-

ers next week before reporting

to the TUC's finance and

renewed demands that miners'

pressure on the NUM because

modify their hardline.

of the miners' dispute.

He was fined a total of £250

Mr William Probert, a stipen-

and ordered to pay prosecution costs up to a maximum of £750.

morning demonstrated a poor

example to those you seek to lead. I have taken into account

everything said on your behalf-and the difficulties your actions

gave to those officers engaged in

the preservation of law and order at Orgreave.

Mr Scargill displayed no motion as the verdicts were given but outside the court, surrounded by a crowd of shoppers and supporters, he

Mr Scargill said last night he

was not going to appeal against

He added: "I am not going to

Inflation drops

and further

fall expected

The rate of inflation dropped to 4.9 per cent in November, from 5 per cent in October, The December rate should be

lower still, as a result of lower

mortgage rates. The retail prices index rose by 0.3 per cent between October and Novemb-

er, from 357.7 to 358.8. The

average for the final quarter

should be close to the Treasury's 4.75 per cent fore-

The building societies, lost out as funds were withdrawn for

the British Telecom issue. Net

receipts fell from £1,125 million

in October to £363 million in

Mortgage lending remains strong, totalling £2,060 million

lovember.

in November

his conviction yesterday.

appeared unchastened.

more flexible.

only when reserves had been

exhausted.

union leaders ● Mr Arthur Scargill, NUM president, was fined £250 with £750 costs at Rotherham on two charges of obstructing NUM officials to repay £1.7m spent on the

By David Felton, Labour Correspondent

The Government placed the would be necessary before onus for a new peace initiative in the 40-week miners strike negotiations could start. There was no comment last yesterday firmly on the TUC's night on the talks from the coal shoulders insisting there could be no settlement until mineboard or union, although the framework" for a peace deal

which the union teaders sug-gested had been presented with the NUM's acquiesence. sition to closure of loss-making Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of Mr Norman Willis, TUC State for Energy, told the seven senior TUC leaders monitoring general secretary, put forward the three-point plan, which involved the coal board "not the strike that there would be no point in the National Coal Board holding fresh negotiations with Mr Athur Scargill while the miners' president continued his impossible dependent that miners should elected the strike the miners should elected the strike the miners should elected the strike that the strike the strike that the strike the strike that the strike t

proceeding with" its March 6 proposals for a four million tonne reduction in capacity with the loss of up to 20,000 jobs, a guarantee that the five named pits said to be most at risk would remain open and a commitment to have urgent discussions on revisions to the expansionary 1974 Plan For Those discussions, on which

there would be a deadline for reaching an agreement, would general purposes committee and then the full general council, consider the question of uneconomic pits. Mr Willis said where there are likely to be there would be a return to work if the first two points were agreed, to allow the talks on the TUC officials stressed that there was no intention to bring The TUC's aim, during what

were described as 90 minutes of "calm, eventempered and reasoned discussions", was to change the agenda set by Government to draw the ment had laid down as a precondition of any further talks that Mr Scargill should be question of uneconomic ca-Despite that assurance, it was pacity into wider considerations suggested by senior sources that of the industry's future and Britain's energy requirements. a change of tack by the miners

Miners leader not to appeal

Scargill fined for obstruction

Mr Scargill was asked if the court's decision would stop him

joining further picket lines. He replied: "Why should it? I have

Mr Scargill talking to

poison gas stocks in the factory

than 150,000 have fled in the

Troops and police stood by to control looters as residents

spurned refugee camps on the outskirts and sought to get far

away from where Union Car-

bide scientists plan to start turning the gas into pesticides

150,000 from Bhopal

reporters yesterday

found guilty yesterday of two political climate I have no faith charges of obstruction during in getting a fair trial and mass picketing of the Orgreave certainly no faith in getting a

diary magistrate, sitting at not been charged with any Rotherham. South Yorkshire, offence in connection with told Mr Scargill: "I take the picketing because it is not an view that your actions on that offence."

coking plant in the early months fair judgement from of the miners' dispute.

By Peter Davenport ----

But Mr Walker, who was accompanied by Mr Tom King, ment, was adamant there could be no talks until Mr Scargill's attitude changed. What we have in this case is a man who has gone into negotiations and has never moved and after every negotiation he boasts that he has not moved and will not move in the future," Mr Walker

Mr Willis described the first meeting between union leaders and the Energy Secretary since the strike started as disappoint-

The TUC team argued that while the Government accused the NUM of intransigence, the miners had made concessions while the coal board remained insistent on its original demand that it should be able to close collieries where coal could not

The union arguement is that the miners have dropped their demand that the March closure programme should be with-drawn and had asked instead that it should be "not proceeded with". Secondly, there was an agreement to hold talks on the broad strategy" of the Plan For

But Mr Walker told them that the miners had been made a marvellous offer, which included a good pay rise and security of employment.

Nesbitt in the execution of his

The court had seen repeated showings of a brief BBC news video film which shows Mr

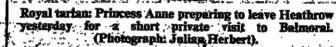
The prosecution said that

police had warned Mr Scargill

and his supporters to keep moving. When approached a second time he refused to move

iuty on the same day.

Scargill's arrest.



Mr Arthur Scargill, the appeal against this sentence of Mr Scargill had pleaded not mineworkers' president, was this judgement because in this guilty to obstructing the high-80mph limit QE2 crack way outside the Orgreave plant on May 30 and not guilty to obstructing Chief Supt John sought

on M-ways By Richard Evans Lobby Reporter

The speed limit on Britain's motorways should be increased to 80 mph for a trial period in a bid to improve road safety, according to a Commons report due out in the new year.

on the court was told. Mr Scargill denied that the first conversation had taken place and alleged that there had Although the proposal by MP's on the all-party transport select committee was agreed before this week's horrific crash on the M25 in which 10 been a deliberate plot to arrest Mr Scargill was fined £50 for people died, it is unlikely to

obstructing the highway and £200 for obstructing Chief Supt cause hitter controversy. Mrs Lynda Chalker, Minister of State for Tranport, has repeatedly ruled out raising the existing 70 mph limit for the nation's 16 million drivers, but Mr Michael Mansfield, Mr Scargill's counsel, told the court that Mr Scargill had not been receiving salary during the

motoring organizations and many chief constables support the idea. dispute and he was not in a position to pay heavy fines or The AA said last night: "We would not be opposed to any raising of the motorway speed limit to 80 mph. For some time New gas leak fears drives

cars have been travelling at that speed and laws should reflect real life." Although there was some opposition initially within the 11-man select committee to the idea of an increased speed experiment following their 18month investigation into road safety, the MPs are understood

Omerable of Sussex, Mr John Over, 'Chief Constable of Gwent and Mr Bob O'Hanlon,

strands passengers

By Michael Horsnell

A crack in the bull of the QE2, discovered during a £5.2 million refit of the liner in West. Germany, led yesterday to the cancellation of a cruise for more than 1,400 passengers.
Sources at Cunard, owners of

the 67,000-ton luxury passenger ship, said the hairline crack had been discovered on the star-board side near the fore when plates were removed for the installation of a fuel economy unit to the boilers.

The damage has been repaired in dry dock at Bremerhaven, the company said last

Passengers were left stranded when delays in the riveting necessary to repair the crack together with tide problems forced Cunard to cancel a twoday cruise in the English Channel.

The ship is expected to arrive in Southampton today in time for a 20-day cruise of the Caribbean.

Since the QE2 sailed into Bremerhaven on November 30 the first-class restaurant has been redesigned and refurbished, de luxe cabins redecorated, new television and video system installed, air conditioning improved and other mechanical systems modernised.

'Cunard yesterday offered passengers who booked on the Channel cruise (top price £560 per person) a refund plus a £100 credit voucher.

A spokesman for the company said: "The crack was not a major problem and has been repaired. There is nothing for passengers to worry about and nothing out of the ordinary. The ship could have taken a bump as it arrived at the dry dock but

Soldier gets life for Ulster murder

From Richard Ford Belfast The first Britsh soldier to be

convicted of murder while on duty in Northen Ireland was jailed for life yesterday for killing a Roman Catholic during a disturbance in West Belfast.

By jailing Private Ian Thain, aged 19, a soldier with the First

Battalion Light Infantry, from Doncaster, South Yorkshire, Mr Justice Higgins will provoke controversy within the security forces and among Unionist The politicians will argue that

the security forces face enough danger without the additional worry of wondering each time they act if they will later be accused of serious offences. Several other soldiers have been convicted of murder in the

province but these were for criminal acts unconnected with their official duties. The judge, in a reserved judgment at Belfast Crown Court found Thain guilty of murdering Thomas "Kidso" Reilly, aged 22, a former road

manager with the pop group, Bananarama, on the anniversary of internment last year. Mr Reilly died when Thain, who had served in the province for only three months, fired a

single shot as he ran along a road following a fracas between youths and a military patrol. At the end of a 90-minute udgement the judge told Thain, who joined the army in September 1982, that Mr Reilly's death had been a tragedy for his family and

It was tragic that Thain had been responsible for the death after a short time in the army, with little experience of soldiering and in a city which was

strange to him. As the judge imposed the life sentence, Mr Reilly's father wept in the public gallery but colleagues of the soldier looked stunned. Outside the court Mr Michael

Reilly, a brother of the dead man said: "I was very surprised. We thought he would walk sway like they usually do. I may have more faith in the courts now that justice has been seen to be done for the first time."

Last night it was not clear where Thain would serve his the Northern Ireland office said "The whole business is under active consideration".

The authorities are faced with a significant problem as it would be difficult for Thain to serve a sentence in the Maze
Jail amongst both "toyalist"
and republican paramilitaries
but the prison policy is that people serve their sentences in the countries where the crime is

committed. In his 64-page judgment, the judge described Thain as being "deliberately untruthful" when it suited him and that he had "concocted a defence" alleging that he thought Mr Reilly was pulling a pistol to shoot him. "It

confirms my conclusion that Continued on page 2, col 8



Flying high to Florida Just the place to relax. travelling by Concorde, of course



Drinks to match the mood How to choose the right tipple at the right time on

Christmas Day Page 13 All good clean fun

Where to take children this boliday, plus out-of-town pantomime guide Pages 13 and 17

Monday



Will Auntie go commercial? for advertisements on the BBC must be taken seriously

Rough runs and winning ways Simon Barnes discovers who takes part in

cripss-countries and why the British excel Curtain up

on Coriolanus Peter Hall's production at the National

We take this opportunity to wish our many friends the compliments of the season and best wishes



Kremlin's heir brings warmer climate to London

From Richard Owen, Moscow

Details, page 19 WASHINGTON: A dissi-

arrival in London today is not only a personal boost for the Kremlin heir apparent but also represents a new warmth in Sir Iain, who has been Anglo-Soviet relations. The Ambassador in Moscow since visit is the first by a senior Polithero member for several

Although the Anglo-Soviet Mr Ndrei Gromyko, the Soviet superpowers." America and Foreign Minister and Mr Russia had not yet reached the retary of State in Constant retary of State, in Geneva, Sir lain Sutherland, the British. Asked whether London could Ambassador in Moscow, says none the less serve is a channel that the Russians are not using to Washington, Sir Iain said Britain as a "postbox" for the Russians "are not given to

Mr Mikhail Gorbachov's Washington. Sir Ian was The Times on the eve of Mr Gorbachov's week-long visit. October, 1982, and will be

advising Sir Geoffrey Howe the Foreign Secretary, during the Gorbachov visit, said there was stage where they were unable to talk to each other.



went too far'

as a postbox for Washington, in good times or bad, nor would Britian seek such a role." But he added that when

nor they exclude any of the . major issues as the prerogative of the superpowers." Sir lain took over at the

ornate British Embassy mansion opposite the Kremlin on the Moscow river at a time when East-West relations were frosty. He had served twice in Moscow before, beginning as a junior secretary shortly before the death of Stalin.

He said that Mr Gromyko in 1932 had described Anglo-Soviet relations as "particularly subject to squalls". ences had been exacerbated in the past by the Soviet perception of relations with the

rights, the use of force in Afghanistan and "the threat of force as an instrument of

improved it is not the result of ay convergence in policies, it stems from a mutual recognition of the need to have a clear understadning of the interests of the other party, to identify and if possible enlarge the the areas of agreement, and to keep to a minimum the risks of confrontation." British wanted "a better, more con-

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ing us or other third parties

where a gas leak last week took defective equipment at the more than 2,000 lives. More Bhapal plant (Bailey Morris last three days.

Police said 4,000 vehicles left as people grabbed any form of transport. Queues at the railway, station stretched into the street inspection which he claims and people piled on top of revealed faulty valves and other • ISLAMABAD: Sixteen people were killed on Thursday when a natural gas pipeline

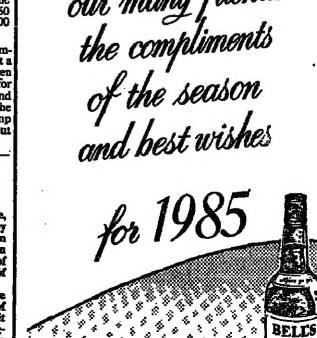
thousand people yesterday fled against Union Carbide direc-in panic from Bhopal, where tors, asking the court to hold scientists plan to neutralise them personally liable for the disaster because they knew of to have been particularly influenced by the evidence given by the Association of Chief Police Officer's traffic

Deputy Chief Constable of Staffordshire, argued stougly in favour of a drastic reappraisal of all speed limits, and told MPs there was a case for an 80 mph limit on motorways.

burst in the town of Garhi Dhodo, 550 miles south-west of Islamabad, during the early morning hours (AP reports). MPs were persuaded the existing limit Letter from Bhopal, back page Russian leaders spoke to British ministers, "Neither we

West as an ideological struggle, Sir Iain said, as well 23 by Soviet attitudes to human If political relations have

structive relationship".



And still an INDEPENDENT Company

By Lucy Hodges

All except one of the 96 local education authorities in England are to benefit from a special grant scheme worth £30 million. The one authority to get no money is Labour-controlled Hounslow, which put in no bid under the Education Support Grants programme.

The programme enables Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education, to direct small sums into what he belives are needy areas of education. Otherwise he can only ask local authorites to spend money

The money has been deducted from the rate support grant. A total of 560 out of 806 bids were accepted,

The !! areas to be funded include: maths teaching science in primary schools; pilot pro-jects for records of achievement; pilot projects to improve education in big cities; pilot projects to improve what is taught in rural primary schools; microcomputers for children with special needs; pilot projects to meet the needs of ethnic minorities; and the development of information technology at further education establish-

The Inner London Education Authority is to receive £1.9

Mrs Nicky Harrison, chairman of the education com-mittee of the Labour-controlled Association of Metropolitan Authorities, complained that central government was imposing its priorities on local

Express fails in injunction claim

Four provincial newspaper groups successfully opposed an application by Express Newspapers in the High Court in London yesterday, seeking to stop them publishing daily letter sequences from The Daily Express "Millionaire of the Month" game.

Double value of **Kedleston Hall** may threaten preservation

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

Kedleston Adam's Derbyshire master- an offer. piece, effectively doubled in

price yesterday.
The Trustees of the Kedleston Estate made an application to the courts for guidance on their legal liabilities towards the beneficiaries of the estate of the second Lord Searsdale, two of

whom are minors.

They are looking for the guidance of the courts as to whether the house can be taken over by the nation at a bargain price and if this involves the family in being held liable in later years when the two

children reach their majority. This problem has been about by negotiations with the Government over tax liabilities arising from the death of the second Lord Scarsdale in 1977, When the present Lord Scarsdale offered the house, its parkland and important contents to the nation in November 1983 their value was understood to be around £6 million.

Yesterday, Lord Scarsdale's lawvers revealed that the last year's booming art market has pushed the valuation up to around £12 million. The

Hall. Robert Government has not yet made The new valuation presents the National Heritage Memorial Fund with a problem as it has been keeping aside assets for years for the purchase of Kedieston Hall. The total bill

now looks as if it may reach £15 The tax liabilities on the estate amount to around £2

Thus, if the nation agreed to a £12 million valuation, the cancellation of the tax liability would only reduce the bill to

It has always been envisaged that the running of Kedleston Hall would be handed over to the National Trust, but this body is not prepared to take it without an endowment. Mr Angus Stirling, director general of the National Trust, said yesterday that an endowment similar to the £4 million for Belton was going to be needed.

Adding, say, a £5 million endowment to a £10 million purchase price, this leaves around £15 million that must be found by the nation.



Appreciating asset: Kedleston Hall, Derbyshire, whose value has risen to about £12 million.

Rate capping

Leicester most suitable case

spending increases of 67 per

cent and 46 per cent respect-ively, since 1981, and for over-

spending on services, notably,

Only about one-fifth, £53, of

the rates paid by Leicester

ratepayers, goes to the city, the

rest to the county. This year's rate of 37.5p raised £15 million,

concessionary bus fares, rec-

reation and parks.

Leicester City Conncil was selected as the most suitable case for rate capping of the 18 authorities named on Tuesday. The Government ordered its rates be cut by 57 per cent next year, the most of any authority.

The Labour-controlled council does not have the expensive responsibility of social services and education, covered by the county, but was singled out as a notorious high spender.

The Government has indi-cated it for failure to use about

Edinburgh ready to defy warning of bankruptcy

From Ronald Faux, Edinburgh

Edinburgh district council-lors, preparing for a clash with the Government over local the point of law, and that authority spending, have been warned by their chief officials of the consequences of levying an "illegal rate". The ruling Labour group has voted to spend £76 million in 1985-86, £21 million over the Government's limit.

A report by the council's chief executive and its directors of administration and finance says that the rate poundage would probably be illegal fro the date it was fixed. It would quickly become difficult for the council to borrow on such

security.

The officials said there was no right of appeal against any surcharge imposed by the Secretary of State for Scotland,

but the Government wants that cut to 16.2, saving the average ratepayer about 60p a week. However, the loss to city hall is £8 million a year. The Government has worked on the

recovery proceedings may lead to bankruptcy and disqualifi-cation from office as an elected

the Labour group is preparing itself to levy an "illegal" rate. Mr Alex Wood, the Labour

group leader, says it is intended to put £21 million into the

budget to provide better bous-

ing. "We are doing what we

promised to do in our years in

ing district council is also

preparing to defy the new limits local authorities may contribute

to use intimidation or violence or to withhold services like gas or

The Labour-controlled Stirl-

under £45 for the shire districts.

shire average is £1.84. Mr Peter Soulsby, the Labour leader, is adamant that there is no fat to be cut in Leicester. "We have been elected with increasing majorities to provide

them. Mr Terry Harris, the Tory leader, said that Leicester city was nothing more than an overblown district council,

Spending per head		Cr on rai
Parks	£12.62	2
Sports	€4.31	2
Baths	26.14	E
Community Services	£7.56	£2.
Arts	£2.93	£D.
Entertainment	€1.00	£0.
Ethnic minority projects	€1.13	E0.
Concessionary fares	26.20	₽1.
Houseless	£15.50	

million it projects, and says that after rate revenue and rate support, the remainder should be found from balances.

The council insists that without using the balances, which it assesses at £5.5 million its overall rate shortfall will be

The Labour group meets on Monday to discuss whether to fall in line and make "devastating" cuts of 40 per cent in services and manpower or pass

an illegal budget in March. If cuts are to be made, the areas identified by the Government are likely to be at risk. The Government says Leicester's spending on all services is more per head (£81) compared with

This year it has budgeted to spend £6.15 per head on concessionary bus fares for pensioners, the young, and the disabled at a cost of £1.7m. The

and improve services, not to cut

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Ethnic minority projects	€1.13	E0.3
Concessionary fares	26.20	£1.7
Housing	£15.50	24.
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Moderate NUM men exempted in court action

By Staff Reporters

The names of four moderates have been dropped from a High Court action by working pitmen to make each member of the executive of the National Union of Mineworkers personally responsible for a £200,000

contempt of court fine. Evidence from the NUM itself on splits in the leadership meant that not all the 24-strong executive will be held responsible for decision to defy the Those exempted are Mr

Trevor Bell, general secretary of COSA, the NUM's white-collar section; Mr Ken Toon, president of the South Derbyshire area, Mr Jack Jones, secretary of the Leicestershire area and Mr Ted McKay, secretary of the North Wales pitmen.

But Mr Colin Clarke, president of the National Working Miners' Committee, will press ahead with legal moves against the rest of the national executive next Wednesday when the

hearing resumes.
Later at the High Court in the
Strand, London, Mr Justice
Vinelott refused to force two Derbyshire pit union officials to repay £1.7 million in union funds spent on the strike.

The judge said he was declining to make the order sought by working miners "in the hope that members will be able to work together in the future for their common benefit within the rules of the union." Supporters of the NUM hope

Mr Justice Vinelott's assess-ment will influence the adjudication of Mr Justice Scott, who adjourned the case against the national executive. Mr Justice Vinelott said he

saw no immediate advantage in ordering Mr Gordon Butler, Derbyshire secretary, and Mr John Burroughs, area secretary, to pay a sum which could lead to steps to bankrupt them.

The action against the officials had been mounted by Mr Roland Taylor, of Shire-brook colliery, and Mr David Roberts, of Markham colliery, both marking miners.

both working miners.

The judge said that an injunction against Mr Butler and Mr Burrroughs banning them from spending any more of the area's £2 million assests in furtherance of the strike, should continue until the full

 The NUM has begun a High Court action to block attempts by its non-striking Nottingham area to change its rules.

The union yesterday gave the Nottingham area union legal notice of its intention to ask a High Court judge to ban any rule changes on the ground that the changes would be a breach of the contract between the national and area unions. It is also to seek an injunction

barring Nottingham from "altering, amending, rescinding or adding to" its rule book. The Nottingham NUM has

notice. Failure to do so could result in the NUM being given judgement in default of defence.

The Nortingham area council between March 13 and December 14 Giles Shaw, Minister

is due to meet next Thursday to discuss a rule change which would free it of the need to seek the authority of the national union for important decisions affecting its members, including strikes and overtime bans.



the Labour Party leader, shows off toys donated for the children of striking miners. At a press conference yesterday. She said the Christmas appeal fund to buy food and toys for the families of striking miners has exceeded the wildest dreams of its organizers. Two weeks after it opened with a goal of £50,000, it has raised more than £263,000.

John Paul Getty II. and contributions are

But Mrs Kinnock told a press conference at the fund's headquarters in a tiny terrace house in Waterloo, south London: "We still need more money and it is important that the appeal continues".

As miners' families prepare for Christmas Times

reporter Paul Vallely tours the coal fields to discover

the festive spirit - if any

The miner's Christmas

Santa has a foreign accent

Meanwhile, Joan, the per-

sioner who supervizes the catering, is whizzing around the

hall on a tiny tricycle, one of hundreds of toys given by local

trade unionists so that every striker's child will receive at

All round gifts lie in piles, but they are dwarfed by stacks of food cartons.

again", one miner announced, opening a box to reveal rows of

haricots an buerre. Gastron-omic horizons are widening in

Gifts of food and clothes

second hand and new, have increased this month by 300

per cent Mr Danny Deary, NUM branch treasurer, said.

"It's them funny beans

least one present.

To the children of striking miners in Kent, Father Christmas will have a distinctly foreign accent. Posters in Dutch, French, Flemish and German, which festoon the walls of the miners' welfare clubs and strike headquarters throughout this most militant of British mining areas, testify to that.

Believe it or not, this is going to be one of the best Christmases we have ever had. It is going to be great fun," said Cyril Brazier, the National Union of Mineworkers' official in charge of providing food for strikers and their children at the daily soup kitchen in Snowdown miners' welfare

It is not difficult to believe him. He is wearing a Tom and Jerry party hat on his grizzled

From the kitchen, where strikers' wives are preparing a chicken casserole for 110 mouths, comes the gentle lilt of a Christmas carol.

 A comprehensive Home Office breakdown of criminal offences arising out the ten month old miners' strike disclosed yesterday there have been 15 charges of arson and

ber 11. Mr Giles Shaw, Minister of State at the Home Office,

Of the 3,903 cases which have been to court, 3,040 resulted in convictions.

Tomerrow, the actress Frances de la Tour and the boxer John Conteh will present answer Mr Shaw revealed 1,937 fines have been imposed About 120 people have received jail sentences and nearly 1,000 have received conditional or absolute discharges, the

Home Office added last night. In Scotland 1,406 people have been arrested in connection with offences arising from the strike.

A breakdown of offences committed in England and Wales and the number of

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But there are plenty of people determined to make good the deficiency.

a free cabaret. On Christmas
Day there will be a 13lb turkey,
a plum pudding and perhaps a
hamper for every family.
"A real closeness and sense
of community has built in the

"A real closeness and sense of community has built up here.

It will make Christmas special

this year, even though there are

some things we will not be able to have", Mrs Sue Mountford

family present", Mr Phillip Sutcliffe, Snowdown NUM vice-chairman said, "but I am determined not to let that upset

me. Fortunately my three children, who are nine, 13, and

"There will be no inter-

Elections for the seat on the

miners' union executive, left craft section moderate resigned over NUM defiance of the law. are to be held before January

Soldier gets life for **Ulster murder**

that the deceased was going to draw a gun and shoot him."

The judge said Mr Reilly, who had been drinking, acted in a disorderly manner, ran away from an army patrol and that a corporal had shouted "Get

intelligently, had shouted three times "stop, army, or I'll fire", but the judge said that by his decision and deeds he had not been in a very frightened or emotional state. He had needed a steady hand to bring a rifle with a telescope sight to to his eyes and fire through the heart of the deceased. Thain had not made sure his -

shot hit its target after the shooting he had run with a colleague to within five yards of the dead man and failed to warn his colleague that the deceased was armed or had attempted to shoot him.

pons, suggested a search should be made and had not explained what had happened.

beyond all reasonable doubt that the reason for the accused ____ failing to give this explanation of for his action for so long was that this is a defence which he

confidence and been upset.

In the Special Report yesterday on the metropolitan coun-

Mr Richard, a former Labour British Government is because In a bitter valedictory ad-Referring to America's econof its ideological view that the omic policy, he said it was only way to solve unemploy-ment is to leave it to market existence of the massive public dress, which he said he had Party candidate who had

Richard's farewell swipe at Thatcher

been waiting four years to

make. Mr Ivor Richard, the outgoing British member of the European Commission, yesterday launched into a series of detailed criticisms against the British Government.

Mr Richard said he was giving up his post "somewhat involuntarily" and it is gener-

ally known that his continued presence in the job was considered by the Prime Minis-

responsibility for employment and social affairs, said: "It has been my unhappy experience to see proposal after proposal which I have presented to the Council of Ministers not accepted simply because the British, in total isolation, opposed them."

After citing a whole series of measures brought by Britain alone Mr Richard speaking in Cardiff added: "And because of

He added: 'Thus we have managed to overcome their Nigel Lawson claiming that the economic difficulties and to Government has no role to play create millions of new jobs in in reducing unemployment. "We also have a government

parroting such phrases that if people want to work they must price themselves into jobs. Mr Richard continued: "I consider this to be an absurd point of view.

Sexual harassment • Too many empty houses

DHSS dispute draws to a close By Nicholas Timmins

The remaining 350 striking computer staff at the Department of Health and Social Security offices in the north-east are to be told by their union to end the strike, now in its eighth month.

ment's policy is to cut and cut

and cut the public service borrowing requirement, which

is our equivalent of the US budget deficit.

After a meeting of the executive of the Civil and Public Services Association yesterday, Mr Alastair Graham. the union's general secretary, said that the strikers will be recommended on Monday to start immediate negotiations on the management's latest offer with "a return to work as soon as possible".

"If the strikers were to say they wanted to continue the strike indefinitely then I think the executive would seriously consider withdrawing strike pay", he said. The management's offer,

which will protect staff from losses in pay due to shift changes for three years subject to some conditions, was "the best offer that can be achieved and represents a significant victory for the action they have taken". Under civil service rules, earnings fron changes in shift patterns are normally protected for only four weeks.

last year. However, security sources admit that the terrorists have become more efficient at killing when they compare the rate of death to violent incidents and privately admit there is no cad sight after 15 years of violence. The pattern of violence is also changing, with less terror-ism in Londonderry and par-ticularly Belfast and attacks hitting vulnerable border areas.

increasingly aimed at locally recruited members of the security forces. They are soft targets, particularly when off duty, and most vulnerable if they live on isolated farms. Although the figures indicate declining violence one security source said; "We are not crowing over it. We still have a long long way to

Terrorism in border counties is

Sharp drop

in number

of Ulster

killings

By Richard Ford

Ireland this year, is, at the end

of the year, likely to be at the

lowest level since the troubles

erupted in 1971. Statistics produced two weeks before the

year ends show that 62 people

have died violently.

The security forces in the province are making no comment fearing that it would

encourage terrorists to attempt spectacular outrages. But the

figures confirm a trend through-

out the year, with deaths and bombings down compared with

The number of people who have died violently in Northern

The Provisional IRA has been responsible for 38 deaths in the province this year but the problems facing the organisation are indicated by their operations in Belfast. They have only succeeded in killing four people there this year; one of those was a Roman Catholic "executed" for alleged criminal Of the four people killed so

far in 1984 by the Irish National Liberation Army all died in Belfast but included two of their own members. Informers have provided the security forces with a major breakthrough In the North Belfast Ardoyne area violent activity dropped dramatically after conviction of leading IRA terrorists on the word of informer Christopher

The INLA appears to have been particularly hard hit by informers and have so far this year been unable to kill outside Belfast

15, are old enough to understand. It is the parents with younger children who may have problems explaining". The Provisionals have had a number of weapons supply setbacks, particularly with the capture of arms aboard the Marita Anne trawler

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Continued from page 1 the accused had no honest belief

Thain had been thinking

deficit that the Americans had the past two years."
He added: "Yet the whoe thrust of the British Govern-

The judge said Thain had not searched for Mr Reilly's wea-

the man was armed when he was asked by a senior officer "The accused's reticence astonishes me. I am satisfied ...

has since concocted."

Thain was said to have been deeply affected by the death of deeply affected by the deeply affe Private Curtis, a colleague from the same town who was killed witness said that on patrol '''i
Thain lacked confidence and that after the death of Patrol ''' that after the death of Private Curtis he had lost more

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Check on landlords in bed and breakfast accommodation survey

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Mr Ian Gow, Minister for Housing and Construction, announced in the Commons that he had just approved a research project to be carried out by the Department of survey of bed and breakfast landlords and the experiences of those who lived in this type of

He made the announcement after hearing graphic descriptions by Mr Reland Boyes (Houghton and Washington, Lab) of how homeless families accommodated in bed and breakfast lodgings and in multiple occupation housing were being subjected to threats of violence, sexual harassment and poor living There was, he said, evidence of

sexual harassment of women residents by landlords to provide sexual favours in return for a rent Giro cheques were delayed. This evidence was not merely hearsay; he Mr Gow said he did not quarrel with

some of the descriptions used by Mr Boyes. He had seen some of this accomodation for himself and even as a temporary expedient, it was It was a criminal offence for anyone to turn a tenant out of his or

electricity. If any tenant considered he was being harassed, he or she should complain to his local authority which had powers to prosecute. Speaking during the debate initiated by Mr Boyes who called on the Government to introduce

legislation to regulate conditions and charges in houses in multiple occupation and to review its latest proposals for board and lodgings payments, Mr Gow said it was a continuing scandal that there should be 25,300 local authority owned houses and flats which had been empty for more than 12 months. If some of these houses and flats could be brought into use, they would make a significant contribution to solving the problems being debated.

The DOE had completed a study of the problems of the 30 authorities with the highest numbers of longterm empty dwellings.
In taking action on this, he was extending the eligibility for housing association grant to short-life properties in local authority ownership. The extension of this grant would enable housing associations to put local authority dwellings back

They were also making a grant to the empty property unit established by Shelter to further its work in providing advice and information to housing associations and others

her home without a court order or about the short-term use of empty He would be giving fresh advice to local authorities describing ways in which better management practices could reduce the number of empty dwellings. He would emphasize the scope for using shortlife schemes and short-term lettings homeless and others in greatest need. Authorities should regard bed

and breakfast as a last resort.

Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for the Environment, would be announcing the housing investment programme allocations shortly. They were changing the method of making allocations, related specifically to the problems of the homeless.

The national total of resources was distributed, using a generalized needs index. That index was also, used in part in the distribution to individual local authorities. One indicator in the index was homelessness an indicator which made up 10 per cent of total generalized needs index. It was based on the number of lettings to homeless households. In

the past they had used the number

of secure lettings, but following discussions, they would also be including non-secure lettings in 1985-86 in the calculation, a useful

change in methodology. Mr Boyes said much bed and



ting, overcrowded washing facilines, enforced sharing of bedrooms sometimes with partners of the opposite sex, and poor quality food. Existing legislation was inad-equate and ineffectual in requiring local authorities to maintain proper standards in houses in multiple occupation and yet the Government nsisted there was no need for new Mr Gerrard Neale (Cornwall North, C) said the beadlines had talked

about people living in the lovely town of Newquay, not working and claiming money. What had been exposed was almost a national scandal.

later were examples or people looking for accommodation being given one price if they were on benefit and another if they were paying privately. This was scandalous. He welcomed Government limits on claims by 16 and 17-year-Mr Roger Gale (Thanet North. C) said details of rent sent to the DHSS sometimes included beer money, and there was credit at the bar which was kept open late into the night. Taxpayers were paying through

dation; the racket must be stopped. Mr Michael Meacher, chief Opposition spokeman on social services, said: the Government's insistence on people returning to their normal office area was reviving the practice of parish relief of the Elizabethan Poor Law, when people were hounded from parish to parish. He targed the Government to

think again about the appalling misery these new measures would bring about for some of the most helpless and innocent members of neipess and innocent members of society. The proposals would mean savings for the Government but increased overcrowding, slum conditions, squatting and, in some cases, sleeping rough in the streets. People would have to choose, after these regulations, between a bed and a meal.

What was needed was a revival of

There were examples of people oking for accommodation being provide permanent accommodation to a satisfactory standard for anyone who became homeless. Mandator minimum standards were require to protect residents in multi Mr John Butterfill (Bournemont) West, C) said there had been advertisements in Liverpool papers by macrupulous hoteliers inviting

people to visit his constituency and occupy accommodation which would be paid for by the DHSS. Some prime hotels in prime positions had gone over the DHSS claimants. The attraction to the "Costa del Dole" put an enormous strain on local resources. They had on their hands a national scandal which Government proposals went some way to correct. Mr Raymond Whitney, Under Secretary of State for Health and Social Security, said the Govern-

ment's proposals were flexible enough and there would be exceptional categories. But generally, youngsters ought not to stay within an area reasonably near their own home. Concentrating aid where it was most needed was the basis of the most needed was the basis of the Government's policy.

Spending on ordinary board and lodging had risen from £166 million a year in 1982 to £277 million in 1983. Estimates were that total was now running at £570 million a year and was likely to grow by another 50 not cent. We December 1987 was to the contract was to the contract was to the contract of the contract was to the contract was to the contract of the contract was to the contract of the contract of

local authority house building and a per cent by December next year duty placed on local authorities to unless action was taken.

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Novelist jailed for nine months after helping woman commit suicide

children's books and murder mysteries was jailed for nine months yesterday for helping a "pathetically ili" old woman to commit suicide. Mrs Hough, aged 60, appeared stunned by

The slightly built, silver-haired mother of four daughters, formerly married to the biographer Richard Hough, turned to walk out of the dock at the Central Criminal Court then retraced her steps and was led to the cells.

The Common Serjeant of London, Judge Pigot, said: "I have no desire to punish you but. I must consider public policy and deter others, less altruistic than yourself, who might be attempting to accelerate death under different circumstances". A immediate custodial sentence was inevitable because of the gravity of the offence, the judge said.

Hough, a voluntary social worker who had looked after the elderly for many years, pleaded guilty on the third day of her trial to attempting to murder Miss Anita Harding, aged 84, who lived at an old resule's home in Fitzrov Road. people's home in Fitzroy Road,
Regents Park, north London.
The jury was directed to find her promises.

television were accused yester-day of colluding with the tobacco companies to circum-

vent the ban on cigarette

Studies among 800 school children in Manchester earlier

this year showed they were

more aware of brands used in

television sports sponsorship,

and their awareness changed

according to which eigarette-linked sports event had most

The study showed clearly that

TV sports sponsorship by

tobacco manufacturers acts as

cigarette advertising to children,

and therefore circumvents the

law bánning cigarette advertise-

ments on television," Dr Frank

Ledwith, the research fellow at

Manchester University who carried out the research, said

The British Medical Associ-

ation said yesterday that it was

seeking meetings with the BBC

and the Independent Broadcast-

ing Authority to discuss ways of

excluding tobacco brand names

vesterday.

recently been on television.

advertising on television.

servant, who was almost blind, deaf and crippled by the "agony" of arthritis, was deter-mined to end her life, had contacted Exit, the voluntary cuthenasia organization, many times, and had obtained a 'suicide manual", the court was

In November last year, she persuaded her friend, Hough, to be with her during her final hours. She had made "beauti-ful" arrangements for suicide, writing every instruction on a large sheet of paper, and putting a red ribbon around a plastic



broadcasting authorities did not

being introduced to the House

of Commons next week by Mr Roger Sims, Conservative MP

for Chisiehurst and vice-chair-

committee. It calls for a ban on

companies wishing to take up

events they want to sponsor".

Helen Hough, the author of Hough, of Ivor Street, Camden bag. She had pestered Hough Town, north London, not guilty for months to help her.
of murder. Hough provided sleeping
Miss Harding, a former civil tablets for Miss Harding.

> More than two hours later, realising she was still alive, Hough, who had been holding her hand, placed the plastic bag over her head.

The judge said Hough was a caring, compassionate, and Christian woman, who had tried to talk Miss Harding out of committing suicide, and had given way to the old lady's demands only after anxious and careful consideration.

Mr George Carman, QC, for the defence, said Hough did not want to be linked with Exit. She had acted out of mercy for a pitiful human being and her case was one of the saddest a British jury had to consider. Hough was a "prisoner of her own promises".

Judge Pigot said that Hough had promised Miss Harding that she would not survive and it was only her complete confession to the police last January that led to her being charged. "What you did, you did with the highest morals. But our law exists to protect the our law exists to protect the sanctity of life, even if that life is of a person in a coma, on the verge of death.

Television attacked Labour vow to ban BBC over tobacco adverts By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent The BBC and independent BBC was probably in breach of

By Our Political Reporter Mr Gerald Kaufman, the its charter and that the independent companies were breaking the advertising ban. The associ-ation, he said, would not rule out seeking an injunction if the Shadow Home Secretary, pledged yesterday that the next Labour government would stop BBC advertising if it were introduced under the Conserva-Meanwhile the association is

to back a private member's Bill Mr Kaufman deplored hints of support for advertising on some BBC radio and television channels given by the Prime Minister on the day the corporation launched its camman of the Conservative health paign to increase the colour lelevision licence fee to £65. "Whatever its failings the

tobacco sports sponsorship through a progressive reduction in such spending. Dr. Dawson said it was clear BBC fulfils an essential role that would be irreparably damaged sport could survive without by the introduction of advertistobacco money. Athletics and subject to overt or covert commercial pressures." he said in a speech to Shrewsbury Labour Party. swimming did well without it. and of 38 events last year where sponsors gave up, 34 found new sponsors within four months. There is a waiting list of it was the existence of BBC

standards of quality that had helped the best of the commer-Dr David Player, director general of the Health Education Council, said smoking was still

Viewers and listeners who claiming 100.000 lives a year Dr John Dawson, head of the and most started as teenagers or found commercial interruptions association's professional division said he believed that the was subliminal subliminal sponsorship broadcasting free of them.

He said a weakening front Grand Hotel approaching across France should bring some snow to the should bring some snow to the slopes this weekend. Skiers should not panic yet. Schools Ahroad, which specializes in taking schoolchildren skiing, said that about 300 people had been switched from Badgastein and Muhlbach in Austria to Pay St Vincent in repair plan unveiled

Austria to Puy St Vincent in France yesterday.
Thomsons and Neilson holi-

expect to sell this year.

after the last war.

had to mount elaborate security

Mr Mark Syms, a grower who also has 400 beef cattle and a six-lake trout

fishery, inherited the farm in Cran-

leigh, Surrey, from his father, who began growing Christmas trees shortly

Skiers in

switch to

find snow

By Richard Dowden

switched two aircraft loads of

hopeful skiers from Austria to

France in the search for snow in the Alps, which has been scarce so far this year.

Apart from a few resorts and the glaciers which offer all-

year-round skiing, there is little more than a sprinkle of snow in

the Alps, and if this does not

improve thousands of holiday-makers who will head for the Alps for Christmas will have to make the Après Ski last all

day. The Meteorological Office in

London said yesterday that

winds in southern Europe had

been southerly and that any snow which had fallen was high

up and melted quickly in the

A travel company has

days said they would bus skiers to slopes where there was snow, if there was none at the resorts where they were staying. If there were no snow at all, clients would be paid a daily compensation. The two companies are expecting to carry about 1,000 holidaymakers each this weekend to the Alps and about 3,000 a week over Christmas. Austria seems to be worst

off. The Tourist Office in London said it usually received snow reports regularly at this time of year but there had been silence from Austria so far. Only at Lech, Zurs, St Anton and Obergurgi was there enough snow for skiing. In Switzerland only the glaciers could be used for

skiing at the moment, a spokesman for the Tourist Office said, but it was improv-Only France has had some

but there is still no skiing at most of the leading resorts, except for La Plagne and Isola Several important inter-national skiing events have already been cancelled through

snow, in the Maritime Alps.

lack of snow, including the Premiere Neige at Val d'Isère Off piste rewards, page 10

official gold chain of office. valued at more than £9,000, was stolen from the Lord Mayor's



land and Scandinavia. More than 95 per cent will be the traditional Norway spruce, although fir and pine are beginning to edge into the market.

which about one million will be

imported, mainly from Belgium, Hol-

Many, though not all, British trees carry labels supplied by the British Christmas Tree Growers' Association. Those who like to choose their tree on the spot are usually welcome at most Forestry Commission and private

The association stresses that, in order for trees to stay fresh, they should be treated like house plants, placed in a bowl of water or in soil which is kept regularly watered. If possible, they should be left outdoors until the last minute, and should be kept away from fires or radiators.

Doctors find womb scans safe

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent There is enough evidence be discovered without ultra- the United States suggested

that ultrasound scanning of the womb in pregnancy is safe for it to continue to be used routinely, the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists said yesterday. The Department of Health

should withdraw its recent advice to health authorities not to offer scanning as a routine procedure. The scans offer 'very real benefits", according to Professor Stuart Campbell, chairman of the college's working party on ultrasound, whose report was published yesterday. The scans allowed doctors to

establish accurately the age of the foctus, to spot babies with retarded growth, to diagnose twins early, so reducing their greater risk of death, and to spot

By Charles Knevitt

Architecture Correspondent

The Grand Hotel in

Brighton, badly damaged in the IRA bomb attack on the Cabinet in October, is to be

rebuilt at a cost of £2.5 million.

Work is expected to start early

next year and he completed in

June 1986. Clearing up work has just been finished. The De

Vere Group, part of Greenhall

Whitley, owners of the Grand

since August, will meet next

month to consider the options

The seafront elevation of the

150-room hotel, a Grade II listed building will be restored

to its original design. Some new facilities, such as a swimming

The hotel was built in the

Italian Renaissance style and

opened in 1864. It was criticized

for being "not Anglican" and as a "Cyclopean pile". It was one of the first hotels in the country

with electric lighting and lifts

and among the grandest of its

The strength of the building

withstood the bomb attack well.

A similar bomb in a modern, lightweight constructed build-

ing, would have resulted in far

greater damage and loss of life,.

• The report of the police

investigation into security at the Grand before the bombing has

been passed to the Chief

It is understood to rec-

ommend providing ministers

with accommodation away

from party conferences. The

report will be sent to Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary

and is expected to be discussed

publicly by the Sussex police

authority early next year.

Constable of Sussex.

for its reconstruction.

pool, may be added.

sound". That could allow abortions if A World Health Organization

the defects were serious, or in committee has also advised some cases operations either in the womb or immediately after Mr Patten has asked the birth to correct or alleviate the Medical Research Council to

having a live baby". Professor Campbell said. ture on scans, which have been in use for 20 years. Tho substantial evidence has been

sound may be harmful". In October Mr John Patten, Under Secretary of State at the Department of Health and scans. Social Security, said that hospi-

condition.

"Ultrasound has played a But the college said others very important part in improv- had not been able to reproduce ing the chances of a mother the American results. The college says that mothers

ultrasound could damage cells,

should clearly not be persuaded The college says that after a into having routine scans thorough review of the literature on scans, which have been supports their continued use. Mothers should understand next few days.

what was involved. Standards produced that diagnostic ultraof training should be raised and Writer jailed a senior doctor should take charge of regular scanning sessions to raise the accuracy of A new standard for the



Vote of thanks: Mr Michael Portillo, Conservative victor in the Enfield Southgate by-election, with his wife Carolyn touring the constituency (Photograph: Bill Warhurst).

Longer life for motorways will cut delays

Motorway delays will be reduced over the next decade. Mrs Lynda Chalker, Minister of State for Transport, announced yesterday that the department will increase the structural strength of new motorways to give them a life of 20 years, instead of 10 to 15 years, before big repairs are needed. Mrs Chalker told the Insti-

tution of Highways and Transportation in London that the capital cost of a bituminous motorway would rise by between IO and 15 per cent. about £2 million a mile, and save perhaps 50 per cent on maintenance over a road's life. With trunk road maintenance

totalling £20 million a year. nearly half the £450 million spent on new construction, large savings are expected if reduced delays to road-users are considered. They could amount to about 15 per cent of the cost of the programme, more than £50 million a year.

Delays on motorways have increased steadily over the past two to three years as the first generation of motorways built in the 1960s crumble earlier than expected, partly because of heavier lorry traffic then pre-

Mrs Chalker also said consultants were to assess the future of the Dartford tunnel

Teacher 'set up shop offering drugs to order'

Mr Richard Catherwood, a London schoolteacher, was accused of running a drugs shop in which, if an item was "not in stock, you could order it and come back another day", a judge said yesterday. Summing up at the start of the fifth day of Catherwood's

trial at the Inner London Crown Court Judge Suzanne Norwood said the prosecutor claimed that everything was on offer to drug users at his south London flat. Catherwood, of Melbourne Grove, East Dulwich, south-

east London, has denied six charges including supplying and offering to supply LSD, cocaine and cannabis resin, and possessing controlled drugs with intent to supply.

He has admitted three

charges of supplying cannabis resin and unlawfully possessing LSD and cannabis.

On Wednesday he was cleared of one of the charges, supplying cannabis resin. The court has been told Lee Sawyer, aged 16, fell to his death from a block of flats in East Dulwich and was found to have taken LSD shortly before

the incident. It has been allleged Catherwood supplied the drug After nearly three hours of summing-up, the judge said she would send out the jury to consider their verdict on Mon-

IBM chief death case discharged Mrs Yianoulla Robertson, aged 37, of Salters Lane, Hayling Island, Hampshire, was

Wife in

discharged yesterday by magis-trates at Havant. Hampshire, when she appeared accused of soliciting Timothy John Smith to murder her husband, an IBM executive, Mr Michael Robert-

Mrs Robertson left the court without saying anything and her solicitor, Mr William Meads, said: "She has no statement to make at all."

Later. Smith, aged 41, the Robertsons' family gardener of The Scafront, Hayling Islandd, was sent for trial at Winchester Crown Court accused of the murder of Mr Robertson.

Smith appeared in the dock with David Stacey, aged 37, of East Stoke Avenue, Hayling Island, who was accused of perverting the course of justice. Stacey was also sent for trial, on bail, to Winchester Crown

Airbase damage charges

Six people were sent for trul yesterday charged with conspir-ing to commit criminal damage at two air bases in Cambridgeshire. Peterborough magistrates were told that the protesters were said to have made regular incursions into Alconbury and

incursions into Alconbury and Molesworth bases.
Paul Briggs, aged 19; Sybilla Snake, aged 23; Veronica Dignam, aged 19; and Corne Mctlaith, aged 24, all of Hockley Close, Newtown, Birmingham; Paul Rudolph, aged 19, of Pittmilly Road, Drumeliapel, Glasgow, and Philip Hudson, aged 20, of Hincheliffs, Orang Goldhas Hincheliffe, Orton Goldhay, Peterborough, were all bailed.

M25 crash inquests

A victim of this week's M25 crash Mr Stephen Arnold a lorry driver, of Swanley, Kent was incinerated and could be identified only by personal belongings, a coroner was told when the first two inquests opened yesterday. The Surrey coroner, Lt Col George, MC Ewan adjourned both inquests to a later date, and hearings on the other seven victims of the crash are to take place over the

over drugs

Mr Peter 'Taki' Theodoracopulous, aged 48, a columnist abnormalities the vast tals should not offer scans intensity of ultrasound beams with The Speciator went to jail majority of which would never routinely. Laboratory tests in should be established. yesterday for four months after an appeal against sentence was dismissed at Southwark Crown

He was arrested at Heathrow Airport on July 23 trying to bring 24.1 grammes of cocaine through customs.

Raid victim badly injured

Mr Brian Mitchell, businessman was in hospital in Epping with serious injuriesafter three men broke into his home at Thornwood Common. Epping. Essex and bound and gagged his wife and son. The men escaped with jewellery worth £20,000, fur coats, commemorative plates and two

Man jailed for **DHSS** fraud

Paul Lyons, aged 23, who made £700 in less than a week by using dead babies' birth certificates to make multiple bogus claims for DHSS benefit offices around London, was jailed for six months yesterday. The coun heard that he was finally arrested when police raided a hotel in Belgrave Road. and found four birth certificates

Two sentenced Police Constable Lance Perks, aged 32, of Nightingale

Lane. Clapham London, was jailed for 18 months at the Central Criminal Court yesterday and Patrick Cummins, aged 53, of Stenhold Avenue, Streatham, a warden of a police hostel, was sentenced to nine ... months and banned for a year for reckless driving. Both were convicted of conspiring to pervent justice.

'Coke' clothes

The Coca-Cola company has agreed a deal with Murjant Industries of Hong Kong 10 make belts, buttons and zips for sports and casual wear to be marketed as "Coca Cola Clothes".

Terror suspect

Special Branch officers were yesterday questioning a man held under the Prevention of Terrorism Act at Paddington Green police station, north

'Legion' death

Mr Robert Sutton, aged 61, of Ford, Bootle, Merseyside, died in Walton Hospital, Liverpool yesterday after contracting legionaries's desease. He had been admitted three weeks ago after returing from Spain with a perforated ulcer.

'far cheaper' than rivals

By Clifford Webb

Motoring Correspondent Spare parts for two of the most popular Japanese cars sold in Britain are more than 50 per cent more expensive than their Austin Rover equivalents, according to the latest survey of the cost of motoring by the Automobile Association.

Twenty parts most frequently

required in the first five years of a car's life cost £692.39 for the Austin Maestro, £1.058.30 for the Nissan Stanza and £1,069.23 for the Toyota Ca-Maestro spares were the

British European and Japanese 1.6 litre family saloons in the survey. But Ford's Sierra cost only 12p more. Another BL car, the Austin Montego, was third, followed by

cheapest of the eight popular

the Vauxhall Cavalier, Renault 18 TS, VW Jetta, Nissan Stanza and Toyota Carina. This independent confir-

mation of Austin Rover's claim that its cars are cheaper to run than its rivals should boost sales to fleet owners who are particularly impressed by rein particular, is aimed at this

The Japanese still import too many spare parts which could be obtained cheaper in this country.

Man loses fight to remain in 2-bedroom flat

Mr Eric French, who lives alone in a two-bedroom council flat in Masefield Crescent, Southgate, north London, has heen forced to give up his home for a needy family.

Yesterday High Court judges dismissed his appeal against a possession order from the Borough of Enfield. Neighbours had signed a petition saying he should be allowed to stay. But the council has decided that he must move to a single-bedroom flat because his old home is

Lord Justice Stephenson, sitting with Lord Justice Robert Goff, described it as a very sad case brought about by the The grants are to come in two instalments of £3 million this housing shortage in London.

He ruled that a county court year and next and up to £2.75 order made in November last million in 1986 with a review year was lawful.

Austin parts MPs oppose VAT charge on famine aid record By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

mounting pressure yesterday from Conservative as well as opposition MPs to make an exception and not to levy valueadded tax on the sales of the pop records made by several groups to raise money for Ethiopian famine relief.

Mr Robert Rhodes James, the Conservative MP for Cambridge, will be among a delegation organized by Mr Anthony Blair, Labour MP for Sedgefield, and including members of the groups who will see Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer next week to urge him to ensure that the VAT revenues from the record, "Don't They Know It's Christmas", go to famine relief. Meanwhile Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, wrote to the Prime Minister saying that the

cent tax to reading material,

which is thought to be under

consideration by the Treasury,

would damage the social and economic life of the country,

the federation says in a study to

be presented to the Govern-

With almost £8 million to

spend over the next three years.

London Zoo was revelling

yesterday in the unwonted

On Thursday, Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for

the Environment, ended several

years of suspense with the

announcement that the finan-cially troubled institution was

thereafter.

luxury of planning ahead.

ation, said: "The economic federation says.

The Government came under who produced and those who bought the record were fulfilled by giving such an undertaking.

"This would of course be an exceptional act but clearly the Ethiopian famine and the magnificently generous reponse of the Britsh people to the horror have produced exceptional circumstances

Mr Rhodes James, chairman of the Spot Polio Campaign run by the Save the Children Fund. and a member of the fund's council, voted against the Government recently over the proposed cuts in foreign aid.

He said yesterday: "The artists gave ther services free. People buying the record are doing so because it is a very good record and because they want to relieve the misery and hardship in Africa, not because Government could ensure that they want to contribute to the

the good intentions of those revenues of the Chancellor." Publishing jobs fear

By David Hewson The imposition of VAT on damage caused by VAT gives books and newspapers would added weight to the strong threaten at least 5,000 jobs in cultural and educational argupublishing the British Printing ments against VAT. On any basis a tax on reading is neither vesterday.

The extension of the 15 per effort.

The federation claims that destroy a vital part of export the introduction of VAT would lead to distortions of trade and

unfair competition between The move could also create a market in magazines produced abroad and posted to sub-Mr Stanley Bradley, the director general of the feder-would not attract VAT, the

Much of the present finan-cial year's grant will be needed

to pay off the 200's overdraft, which is approaching £2

million. After that, the zoo sees

a series of projects stretching

over about 15 years.
"It will not be difficult to

spend the money", Mr John Boyer, chief executive of the Zoological Society of London said. "But we have a lot to

demolish before we can start

At Recents's Park, work is to start almost immediately on

demolition of the old birds of

prey aviary and the education

block, where a new aquarium is

ostrich houses, eastern aviaries

built. The parrot and

putting anything up."

Chain stolen

The sheriff of Norwich's

Daimler yesterday. Zoo to woo visitors with £8m grant

By Tony Samstag

redundant baildings also due for demolution. Improvements at the soriety's other 200, at Whipsnade Park in Bedfordshire, are seen as steps in the development of the site into a family leisure facility where visitors will be

and Mappin Terraces would

follow, with a number of old

encouraged to spend a complete day.
The object at both sites will be to make them more attractive to visitors by having "fewer animals in more pleasant surroundings", Mr Boyer said. Spectacular construction pro-jects, particularly on the small Regent's Park site, were milikely as they tended to cost too

much to heat and maintain. Small projects such as the Clore Pavilion for small mammals in Regent's Park, which has proved to be as popular with visitors as with scientists, were much more cost-effective. In his announcement. Mr Jenkin stressed the zoological

Society's standing as "a lear-ned society with an international reputation in the fields of conservation and scientific research". The animal collections at the Regent's Park and Whipsnade zoos should not, in the Government's view, con-tinue indefinitely to be a large drain on the Exchequer.

East-West dialogue resumes

Howe says patient talks with Russia must go on from here to eternity

There is a need for patient, sustained dialogue with the Soviet Union from here to cternity", Sir Geoffrey Howe. the Foreign Secretary, said yesterday after the winter meeting of Nato's foreign ministers in Brussels.

East-West relations had dominated the two-day session. especially preparations for next

Mr Shultz promised his possible consultation on what happened in Geneva and afterwards. The European countries were agreed that they could jointly help to create the right entropy of the importance of keeping to their promise to allow cruise closing speech that his country missiles to be deployed in their could not remain indifferent to countries. atmosphere for any future arms control talks by maintaining a

left to negotiate arms controls, should entend their contacts at every level with Warsaw pact best sense of the word. Minis-

As far as the Genava talks were concerned, no one would go beyond the hope that these would lead to other talks on arms control. The Soviet Union was not expected to want to resume these in the same form as before, with separate negotiations on medium-range and stratagic nuclear weapons. stratagic nuclear weapons.

From Ian Murray, Brussels pons would be involved in any beginning", he said. Nobody arms control negotiations. The final communique, the

Carrington became Secretarygeneral was a new, streamlined version, pruned to just 212

The communique insisted result emerged, the deployment month's meeting in Geneva of cruise and Pershing (2) yesterday (Reuter reports). between Mr George Shultz, the missiles would proceed, as Delegates from Nato coun-American Secretary of State, planned. Neither Belgium nor tries expressed disappointment and Mr Andrei Gromyko, the Holland demurrad from this, at the Soviet criticism, saying it soviet Foreign Minister.

Holland demurrad from this, at the Soviet criticism, saying it cven if both Denmark and had spoiled the generally good Mr Shultz promised his Greece put in a reserve. This atmosphere at the conference European allies the fullest indicates that Mr Shultz has since it agreed on a new

"We have got to maintain, constant dialogue on the broad-est front with the Soviet Union. Carrington said at the end of the Generally the agreement was meeting. He was particularly that the United States had to be pleased with the way in which there had been the fullest qualified as consultation in the ters have left this meeting feeling they have participated in one of the best aspects of the

countries.

He felt too, that if arms control talks remained a subject for negotiation between the two

Sir Geoffrey, too, insisted on

should expect any quick results first produced since Lord effort of dialogue on the broadest of fronts.

• STOCKHOLM: The Soviet Union attacked what it called the growth of revanchist forces The communique insisted in West Germany as the that if no concreate negotiated European Disarmament Conference completed its first year

a phenomenon which in effect disputes the existing frontiers between the European states which have taken shape after the Second World War. "Revanchist forces in the

Federal Republic of Germany play a major and substantial role in the political life of that country," he told reporters.

The term "revanchism" is used in Eastern Europe to mean

the desire to expand West Germany borders in violation of treaties between Bonn and Warsaw Pact countries. The 35-nation Stockholm

conference, which began last January with a mandate to reduce the risk of war in Europe, ended its fourth session Mr Shultz promised, how- this point. The Geneva talks yesterday and will adjourn until ever. that medium-range wea- were only "the beginning of the January 29.

Round-world week for Thatcher

By Henry Stanhope, Diplomatic Correspondent

Mrs Margaret Thatcher starts one of the busiest weeks Mrs Thatcher will complete a week in which she will spend of her premiership today, during which she will hold more than 50 hours in the air by stopping off at Washington on her return, first for a breakfast meeting with Vice-President George Bush, and then for a tête-á-tête with in different parts of the globe.

They begin in London with the arrival today of Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, Number President Reagan at his official country retreat at Camp David. East-West relations and the forthcoming meeting in Geneva Two in the Soviet Communist Party hierarchy, who will be at Chequers for lunch and extenbetween Mr George Shultz, the sive discussions with the Prime US Secretary of State, and Mr Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister, will dominate discussions in London and

Minister tomorrow.
On Monday, she leaves for Peking, to sign the Anglo-Chinese agreement on Hong Kong, later in the week she will meet Chinese leaders while there, including Mr Deng Xiaoping,

Refugees in

embassy

start a fast

began a hunger strike to back up

their demands for exist visas to

Bonn sent Herr Ludwig

Rehlinger, the State Secretary in the Ministry of Inner-German Relations, to Prague to dissuade

the desperate would-be emgig-

rants from this step, but without success. Herr Peter Boenish, the

Government spokesman, yes-terday officially regretted the

Chancellor Helmut Kohi, bas

written to the refugees, many of

whom have been more than two

months in the embassy and emphasized Bonu's efforts to

negotiate a solution with East

Berlin. But Bonn says they must all first return to East Germany, where they have been promised

The Government announced vesterday that altogether 347 East Germans have tried to emigrate to the West by fleeing

into the Prague Embassy this year. The issue will probably be raised in talks Herr Hans-Dictrich Genscher, the Foreign

Minister, will have in Prague

any journalists as part of his party for his visit to Czechoslo-

Herr Genscher is not to take

Bonn is thus hoping to avert

fiasco at the last minute, when Herr Genscher cancelled a trip

to Poland because a journalist due to accompany him was

From Stephen Taylor

immunity from punishment.

running at about £300 million a

Meanwhile, the Foreign and Commonwealth Office an-nounced last night that Sir Geoffrey Howe is to make a five-day stop tour of Romania, Bulgaria and Turkey in Feb-ruary. It will be the first time that a British Foreign Sec-retary has been to Bulgaria for more than 100 years.

The visit is of laterest in the contest of the increasing con-tact between Britain and countries in the eastern block. Sir Geoffrey will be in Romania on February 9-10, Bulgaria on February 10-11, and Turkey on February 11-13.

Israel envoy vents his anger at Greens MEP

From Our Own Correspondent, Bonn

of arms smuggling.

Washington. While in Peking, however, the Prime Minister

will also want to encourage more Anglo-Chinese trade, now

Frau Brigitte Heinrichs, a 43six delegates who leave on in Nazi Germany.

Tax evasion

charge for

Lambsdorff

Bonn - The West German

the parliamentary immunity on One Lambsdorff to allow the

public prosecutor to lay an additional charge of tax evasion

against the former Economics Minster (Michael Bunyon

Parliament has already lifted

immunity from him over the charge of corruption in connec-

tion with a controversial tax waiver for the Flick group of

companies.

The new charge alieges that as treasurer of the Free Democratic Pany in North Rhine-Westphalia. Count Lambsdorff

illegally helped to fund the party

by funnelling money through charitable orgaizations, thus

avoiding tax. Count Lambsdorff

charge of corruption.

ing the Middle East of a talk with Israeli Government Member of the European officials. The delegation has Parliament convicted in Israel distanced itself, however, from a controversial party paper on the Middle East

year-old Greens MEP, was Mr Yitzhak Ben Ari, the jailed in 1980 for 21 months for Israeli ambassador in Bonn. importing weapons and explossial the Greens had a policy of ives for terrorists. She is among "Juden raus" - the phrase used "Juden raus" - the phrase used

defence budget, he indicated at a Cabinet meeting on Wednesday that he supports a plan by
Mr Casper Weinberger, the
Defence Secretary, for only
modest cuts over the next three

Bonn
Forty of the 68 East Germans still in the West German Embassy in Prague yesterday began a hunger strike to back up

President Reagan to accept cuts far short of the \$58 billion (£48 billion) which had been pro-posed means that the President s also likely to fall far short of his goal of cutting the deficit in half to \$100 billion by 1988, the



budget-cutting process and lead during the difficult budget to a fierce confrontation in negotiations that the arms talks

In severe weather conditions,

and without prior announce-ment, the Israeli Army has

started a security clamp-down

against suspected Shia Muslim

extremists in southern Lebanon

regarded by military observers as the most drastic since the

A strike has been called throughout the region today in

protest against the sweep, which began before dawn on Thursday

Secretary in resisting big cuts in military spending in a decision

that may stalemate the entire

Congress a senior official said.

Although Mr Reagan has

made no final decision on the

senior official said.

Mr Reagan apparently agrees with Mr Weinberger's assertion

1982 invasion.

Revenge calls against Israeli raiders

During the operation, which UN soldiers were barred from observing, a 14-year-old Leba-southern Lebanon, which have to bring about more security to our forces."

• BEIRUT (AP): Mr Karami nese girl was killed and the so far achieved no progress. A session due to begin four troops fired in the air several hours after the military oper-ation was launched had to be times to disperse hostile crowds. UN sources claimed there had been an exchange of fire

Gesture of despair: A Lebanese woman raises her arms in a graphic gesture as she protests over Israeli Army security operations in her village and in six others during which three villagers were killed.

Interim Force in Lebanon. Reports yesterday spoke of heightened tension, with Shia Muslim leaders calling for revenge against Israeli forces, whose main target seems to have been supporters of the Shia Amaz organization. Mili-tary sources claim that large

between Israeli troops and a

Mr Yitzhak Rabin, Israel's Defence Minister, said: "Today, what we face in Lebanon is a Shia-Israeli war rather than a PLO-Israeli war, and I would

arms negotiations. Defence

officials have stated repeatedly

are taking place because of

American strength and Soviet

fears of new United States

Mr Weinberger tried to soften his tough Cabinet presentation

in support of the military

budget with a footnote suggest-ing that defence totals could he

Mr Weinberger's proposal

angered other member of the

President's budget-cutting "core

group" who are in agreement that Mr Reagan's bold effort to

reduce Government spending requires balanced cuts in both

domestic and defence pro-

the Russians.

The senior official said that

postponed because wintry weather grounded UN helicopters due to fly Lebanese Lebanon. delegates from Beirut. They The an cannot travel by road because of

Questioned about the possible effect on the talks of the security clamp-down, Mr Rabin said: "I clearly distinguised our wish, our desire, to find a political solution, and the need to cope effectively with the many attempts on our soldiers."

Defending the operation, which provoked Lebanon's Prime Minister, Mr Rashid Karami to describe Israel as like to avoid it."

In diplomatic circles, there are fears that Israel's new policy

"behaving like a wolf", Mr
Rabin said: "What has been done was a military operation

Both Republican leaders in

Congress and other Cabinet officials have warned the President that his new budget must pass a fairness test in order to stand a chance of

If the Defence Department

escapes with only minor cuts

while others are being asked to

accept "draconian cuts" to reduce the record deficit, "it will make it more difficult to

keep the Cabinet in line and

impossible to keep Congress in

Mr Weinberger proposed cuts

which have been proposed over

If Mr Reagan agrees, he will

line", the senior official said.

the next three years.

reduced if Mr Reagan wins an in military spending of only \$19 arms reduction agreement from billion in lieu of the \$58 billion

yesterday instructed his Am-

masked molorcycle gunnen shot and killed a senior Druse Army officer and his aide on a busy Beirut street, and Christian and Druse militiamen barded with artillery in the Kharroub mountains north of the Israeli occupation zone,

The Druse officer, Lieutenant Colonel Adel Abu Rabia, was hit at least 35 times as machinegun bullets swept his Land-Rover. He was commander of a 6th Brigade battalion stationed along the "green line" dividing Beirut into Christian and

Hamburg (AP) - A 66-year-old pleasure boat skipper suffering from partial night blindness bears sole responsibility for the October 2 accident in Hamburg Heart man harbour that killed 19 people. including II children, maritime

restful night following a stroke 18 days after receiving his artificial beart. Doctors said yesterday they were eacouraged.

by signs of recovery.

Dr. Allan Lansing, medical director of the Humana Heart-Institute in Louisville, Kentucky, told a news confer-ence that Mr Schroeder's right

He could understand those

he continued to improve. He he continued to improve. He stack to his estimate that Mr Schroeder could be released from hospital in two to four weeks if his recovery goes well.

Mr Schreeder, aged 52, a retired munitions worker of Jasper, Indiana, suffered the stroke while having supper with his wife, Margaret, on

phy, or CAT, scan of the brain "and this showed us fortunately there was no evidence of haemorrhaging or bleeding." Dr Lansing said. The test ruled out a cerebral haemorrhage as

last wednesday, rathu separatists abducted a professor of surgery from Jaffina Medical College and forced him with three other doctors to attend to a wounded guerrilla at gumpoint. was resting at home when the

Armed guards stood by until the surgery was completed, the doctor told police. DELHI: Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister said yesterday that there could be no military solution to the ethnic

ports).

problem in Sri Lanka and urged Colombo, whose attitude had not been "very helpful", to find a political solution (AFP re-

recovering authorities ruled. Hijack alert from stroke

Washington

States sent a special combat unit to an unidentified Arab-nation bordering Iran ready to launch a commando raid to free hostages on the hijacked Kuwaiti airliner at Tehran if they were not released, the newspaper al-Qabas said.

Holiday spree

Vienna (AP) - Austria's

Constitution Court declined to arm was still partially para-lysed. He was trying to speak but was unable to communicate against the governor of Salzburg province for letting stores may open on the December 8 national boliday.

around him and smiled when Dr Lansing joked with him.

Dr Lansing expected him to be out of bed within 48 hours if Prices rocket

coronary artery disease that led to the heart implant, or a blood clot in a valve of the \$15,000 plastic and aluminium heart. It would take seven to 10 days to

Barney Clark, a dentist, lived for 112 days after his surgery two years ago.

Correction

European Nonebook (December 10) should have described Selby as a deep mine not an opencast pit.

Tenacious Sheriff France

Dallas (Reuter) - A freak string of tornadoes skipped along a 300-mile path from San Antonio to Dallas yesterday, injuring at least 40 people and destroying scores of buildings.

Censors relent Capt Town (Reuter) - South

lifted banning orders on books by the presidents of Mozambi-que, Zambia and Tanzania.

Taipel. (Reuter) - Taiwan will draft new laws to protect tigers from the latest craze for tiger meat, the Interior Ministry said. **Burning** issue

Correction

finally gets his men

have been arrested. They are accused of kidnap-

ping and wounding Miss Kari Swenson, aged 23, a member of the United States biathlon team, and the murder of Mr Alan Goldstein, aged 36. Mr Goldstein stumbled on the Nicholses' camp the day

after Miss Swenson disappeared while out running. Don Nichols is said to have told the girl she was going into the mountains to

be his son's wife.

When Mr Goldstein found them he was killed by a rifle shot allegedly fired by Don Nichols. Miss Swenson was freed from her chains and the Nicholses fled. Found four hours later by Sheriff France, she is still recovering and

forest and mountain.

Disguised as a hunter, he walked to the fire and asked

"How's the coyote hunting?"
Don Nicholas reached for a rifle but the Sheriff was too quick :-. for him.

gunpoint to a waiting helicopter, and they are now in jail awaiting trial. It was the sheriff's biggest case, and he is delighted and relieved to have

Guns seized key Noumea illi acci negotiations Noumes (APF) - New Catedonian security forces have seized 40 guns after isolated incidents on the eye of weekend talks between the French special envoy and political factions on the future of the French Pacific

At Hienghène, militants of the Kanak Socialist National

Liberation Front ransacked 15

Security forces seized 30

guns, and ten more were seized

At Yate in the south, militants

set up roadblocks in protest

against five arrests for arson

and looting.

Meanwhile the special envoy.

M Edgard Pisani, is due to begin three days of negotiations

today by meeting M Jacques Lafteur, leader of the anti-inde-

pendece Gaullist Party for Caledonia in the Republic.

Aquino killing

witness found

Manila (AP) - Miss Rebecca Quijano, who investigators think may have seen the assassination of the opposition

leader Benigno Aquino, has been found by police. Lawyers said yesterday she was willing to

testify in the trial of high

military officials accused of being involved in the killing. Miss Quijano, aged 32, is known as "the crying lady"

because, according to some reports, she was crying and shouting They already shot

him" before she was led away

from journalists at Manila

airport minutes after Aquino's

Ali seeks \$50m

Washington (Reuter)

Muhammad Ali, the former world heavyweight boxing champion, has filed a \$50 million (£42 million) lawsuit

arising from his 1967 convic-tion for evading military call-up

Skipper blamed

Kuwait (AP) - The United

hear a Government complaint

Jerusalem (Reuter) - Prices

rose by an average 9.5 per cent

in Israel last month despite a

wage-and-price freeze, keeping annual inflation at around 800

per cent, the Central Bureau of Statistics said.

Tornado havoc

during the Vietnam war.

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Sheriff Johnny France has got his men. Don Nichols and his hunting Don, aged 53, and Dan, son, Dan, the mountain men of Montana wanted in connection with a murder and kidnapping, have been arrested.

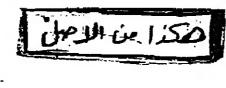
Sheriff France has been hunting Don, aged 53, and Dan, son, Dan, the mountain men of aged 20, since the incident in the mountain with a murder and kidnapping, have been arrested.

When the fugitives were spotted by a rancher cooking supper round a camp fire in the snow-covered Beartrap Canyon, in the Madison Mountain range on Thursday, the sheriff went in

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Acus id Waster Contraction



Bulldozers continue to grind through Singapore's pictur-esque but dilapidated Chinatown, where - like everywhere else in the prosperous city state the bandsome, crambling edifices of the colonial era are being torn down for high-rise developments. Among the areas most recently forced to submit to progress under the island's all-embracing land acquisition regulations is the ouce notori-

ous strip of Bugis (pronounced "boogie") Street, which flourished in the 1960s and 1970s as one of Asia's more The delicate-featured creatures then found tripping down the walkways or loitering languidly at drinks stalls were,

with few exceptions, not what

they seemed - not women at all.

Bugis Street falls to the Singapore bulldozers in fact, but (frequently exquis-

ite) transvestites. Bugis Street developed an international reputation among trans-sexuals, and tourists, too. were drawn to the district, which had a garish appeal in Singapore's increasingly puri-tanical environment. Like rare species elsewhere, the transvestites were prepared to pose for a fee, and a thriving trade developed around the bars and eating stalks.

When, four years ago, the transvestites were moved on by the police, the street's nightlife was toned down, but it went on. The stallholders continued to serve drinks and fried noodles and tourists still come to wander curiously among fruit But now the stallholders, too,

have been ordered to pack ap, and by the end of the month Bugis Street will be abandoned

- the old, shuttered houses

where most local traders live, planners, who appear to be as well as the stalls below - to

There are sound municipal reasons why the ramshackle homes of Chinatuwn need to be replaced. The depredayions of the climate have rendered some unsale; many are uncomfortable, cramped and without proper sewerage; and while the older inhabitants are loath to move, many younger and status-conscious Chinese would rather live in a high-rise Housing Development Board apartment, Singapore's version of the council estate. The majority of Singaporeans live in infinitely superior conditions

But the old homes could have been restored in time to save them, retaining a characteristic and attractive feature of Singapore, as well as its heritage. Only belatedly have city

to their parents through this

motivated by a pervasive drive towards clean-cut modernity, awakened to the realization that by demolishing Chinatown they are destroying much of Singapore's appeal for tourists. That is not to say that there

Voting with his feet: Mr Alexander Falconer, Labour member of the European

putting his feet on his desk during the vote which threw out the EEC budget.

nent for Mid-Scotland and Fife, is called to order by an usher in Strasbourg for

are not enclaves where the city of instant condominiums scarcely out of wrappings might hardly exist. Along the back streets the clan associations thrive and the clatter of a mah jong game is heard behind shuttered windows. The passerby glimpses inside flowers, burning incense and a shrine. On the pavements at night, sleepers sprawl oblivious on

But there is more than the

simply exotic to recommend Chinatowa to the budget-con-

scious traveller. A clean hotel room here, furnished in rudi-

£11 a night: a single in the tourist hotel area of Orchard Road will cost between £70 and Perhaps the best value of all,

dictates of hygiene. The stalls have been gath-

though, is to be had at the food stall centres all over the island. Ten years ago the stalls were streng out along the streets, which offended the authorities' sense of order as well as the

ered under covered centres, but the quality of food is undiminished and the price incomparable. A steaming plate of noodles, beansprouts, egg, pork and clams costs just 80p and a dessert consisting of great slices of fresh pineapple, pawpaw, pear and jackfruit, delicionally obliged in its deliciously chilled in ice, is even less. The cleanliness, as everywhere in modern Singa-

pore, is remarkable.

Devolution offered to Tamils

Colombo (Reuter, AP) -President Jayewardene yester-day announced a plan aimed at easing tension between Sinha-lese and Tamils in Sri Lanka by devolving power to local bodies and creating a second legislative

He announced the plan to political, ethnic and religious leaders at a conference con-vened after about 400 people, mainly. Tamils, were killed in ethnic violence in July last year. Nearly 400 more died in clashes last month as guerrillas stepped up their campaign for an independent Tamil state.

Jayewardene's plan envisages organizations selected from volunteers at village level, with 250 elected bodies running higher-level local government and a third tier of 25 councils covering the island's districts. In the latest terrorist incident last Wednesday, Tamil separa-

Police said yesterday that Professor Samuel Seeveratnam gang arrived, pushed him into a van and drove to the Green Memorial Hospital at Manipay.

Speaking at his first election rally in Tamil Nadu state, Mr Gandhi said Tamils of Indian origin, especially stateless ones, felt increasingly insecure.

bassador at the United Nations. Mr Rashid Fakhoury, to protest to the Security Council about Israel's "atrocities" in the sweep against villages in southern The announcement came as

From Our Correspondent

Mr. William Schroeder had a

either have to give up his goal of halving the deficit by 1988 or find additional revenues through more domestic cuts, which are unlikely to be accepted, or by changing his mind on tax increases

Thursday evening.
He immediately underwent a computerized axial tomogra-

out a cerebra macnorrhage as a possible cause. Dr Lansing said the cause could have been Mr Schroed-er's diabetic condition, the

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Mr Schroeder received the heart on November 25. He is the second recipient of a mechanical heart. The first, Mr

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the wheels of state" had caused serions problems for Mauritania Diplomatic analysts in Dakar said the indicate Mr Haidalla will be

The state radio said the country's frontiers and airports rere reopened yesterday. Agence France-Presse

ported from Nonakchott that life was normal in the capital yesterday after the carfew had been lifted and borders and airports opened.

Americans and Russians both accused by Botha

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

Relations between South (SABC), Dr Chester Crocker Africa and the two Western the American Assistant See countries most sympathetic retary of State for African towards the Pretoria Govern- Affairs, said that public diploment, the United States and macy had never been excluded from Washington's policy President Reagan and Mrs towards South Africa. When Thatcher came to office. Both we think it appropriate, we are Washington and London, how going to turn the volume up, ever, say there has been no he said. One reason Washington ha fundamental change in their

decided to state its position Speaking at Stellenbosch more openly, he said, was that University on Thursday night, Mr P W Botha, the South African President, Immped the United States together with the American policy had been distorted deliberately by selec-tive quotation and interpretation by the SABC and other "official media" in South Africa; by which he presumably Soviet Union and accused both meant the generally pro-Government Afrikaans press.

The end of the three-month sit-in by three anti-spartheid campaigners in the British Consulate in Durban has removed one cause of friction between London and Pretoria. But the immediate arrest of two of them on what look like trumped-up treason charges, and six other members of the United Democratic Front opposition movement, has created new difficulties.

Pretoria's retaliatory decision in September to renege on a pledge to return to Britain four South Africans for trial on arms smuggling charges has also left a sour taste, deepening each side's historic distrust of the other's

In an apparent reference to a claim by President Reagan that American "quiet diplomacy" had helped to secure the recent On the night that Pretoria announced this action, Mr Botha claimed that Britains refusal to hand over the release of South African political detainees, Mr Botha deconsulate squatters to the police had violated South Africas clared: "No quiet diplomacy, or loud shouting, will keep us from "suzerainity", .

seeking the road of justice with the retention of ci lized values None the less, the South for our country and its peoples. We ourselves will take these African Government is confident that, while it may have to weather more hostile rhetoric, In an interview the same London and Washington will night with the South African Broadcasting Corporation continue to rally to its defence

Ban on Pretoria's arms sales backed by UK

From Zoriana Pysariwsky, New York

South Africa was the target of a two-pronged censure as the United Nations General Assembly and the Security Council adopted measures intended requested countries not to buy arms from Pretoria. In the to press Pretoria into abandonassembly, Britain and the US said that economic sanctions ing its policy of apartheid. would be counter-productive Britain also strongly pro-tested against a report by the

of "meddling" in Africa for "selfish purposes".

Correspondent held

after mail blunder

Windhoek (AP) - The BBC

correspondent for Namibia,

Miss Gwen Lister, was ar-rested yesterday after she disclosed that the South Afri-

can police has ordered postal officials to intercept her mail.

Miss Lister, aged 31, a South African, said on Thurs-

day that a secret notice from the South African CID to the Postmaster-General of Nami-bia ordering the mail check had

been delivered to her home in

Britain and the United States joined the consensus in the Security Council, which approved a non-mandatory arms imports from South Africa although both opposed sweeping economic sanctions in a measure condemning the South Africans.

A mandatory embargo pro-hibiting arms shipments to

Dakar, Senegal (AP) – Ex-president Muhammad Konna Ould Haidalla, the former

Mauritanian President who

was overthrown in a coup three

days ago, is being held in a military barracks in the capital,

Nonakchott, the state radio said in a broadcast monitored

Mr Haidalla returned to the

capital on Thursday afternoon

by plane after attending a French-African summit in

Bujumbura, Burundi. While he

Bujumbura, Burundi. While he was there a military committee headed by Mr Monaya Ould Sidi-Ahmad Iaya, a former Prime Minister too power.

The new regime has given no indication what will happen to Mr Haidalla, who had ruled Mauritania since 1280. He has been accused of leading a "regime of waste and corruption," in which he used the nation's policies "to serve his

nation's policies "to serve his personal interests."

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broadcast of such charges could

A broadcast said "bad

Hint of trial 43 die in **Philippines President** gun battles

> From Keith Dalton Manila

UN special committee against apartheid which accused the

to perpetuate South Africa's apartheid system. The report was described by Mr Oliver Miles, the British representative, as inaccurate, slanted and tendentions.

At least 43 people were killed in three battles between soldiers and communist rebels in the Philippines, while unidentified gunmen shot dead two troopers on night patrol near the military Mindanao Island.

The worst of the clashes on Wednesday was on Samar island, where 27 rebels of the New People's Army (NPA) were killed in a battle which also left five government soldiers in-

On Mindanao, NPA rebels firing from both sides of a mountain road ambushed a lorry, killing 12 soldiers and wounding 14 others, The gunbattle lasted two

hours until troop refinement caused the rebels to withdraw, taking their dead with them. Unconfirmed reports said 12

The two soldiers killed were gunned down on Thursday night by unknown men firing automatic weapons, the staterun Philippine News Agency (PNA) said.

In the first 10 months of this year, clashes between troops and rebels have killed 2,650 people, including 800 soldiers. Military officials also report that 895 NPA men had died.

The upsurge in rebel attacks, often by 200-strong bands of heavily armed men, is causing increasing concern to President Marcos, who was ordered a "no compromise" crackdown.

Pyongyang agrees on talks date with Seoul

From David Watts, Tokyo young trainee Soviet diplomat The on-off economic nego-

tiations between North and South Korea are on again.

Moving from the hard line it adopted after a border shooting incident last month, Pyongyang has now agreed that the second round of economic negotiations

should be held on January 17.
The earlier date had been December 5 but the North called the talks off after the incident in which one South Korean, three North Korean soldiers and one American Panmunjom came in a proad-soldier were injured when a cast on Pyongyang radio

Pyongyang said then it was

impossible to hold the talks in the atmosphere of "heightened tension." caused by the ensuing gun battle in which North Korean guards ran though the international no-man's land exchanging shots with South Korean and American troops.

News of North Korea's intention to return to negotiations in the border village of



This is your life: Frank Sinatra and his youngest daughter, Tina, announcing on Wednesday that Tina will produce a six hour mini-series with Warner Bros on her father's life, for CBS Television.

Madrid police head off shipyard march

From Richard Wigg Madrid

Angry shipyard workers shouting anti-Government slogans because they had been made redundant were stopped by police here yesterday as they tried to march on Spain's ruling Socialist Party confer-

heavily armed police forced the vanguard of the 4,000 workers into a side street after officials at the Industry Ministry had refused to receive a delegation.

Castellana, only a few hundred vards from the conference. The demonstration was by Communist, Basque and Galiian trade unions. The workers. who had travelled in buses and trains to Madrid, carried banners declaring. "Not a single job must go", and shouted insults at Seor Carlos Solchaga, the Industry Minis-

shipyard. This programme includes a three-year retraining period to

ter, who is putting through a

workers declared redundant at almost full pay. The Govern-ment says this will cost 126,000 million (£610 million).

The demonstration highlights the Government's labour problem. At the conference yesterday, Senor Felipe González, the Prime Minister, countered criticism of his economic policies by saying: "I have yet to see an alternative programme for tackling the situation. Our margin for manocuvre is very limited."

already given 95 per cent vote of approval to the outgoing executive's stewardship over the past three years.

issues, such as Spain's mem-bership of Nato, A ballot yesterday in the foreign policy committee ensured that the Nato issue must come before the full conference, which ends tomorrow, since the leftwingers who want Spain's withdrawal obtained more than 25 per cent backing from

US envoy named as rebels' link man in Vietnam plot trial

Ho Chi Minh City (AP) - ments for its guerrilla army, and Under the glare of television bribe Government cadres and lights, the Vietnamese Govern- police officials. ment yesterday began the trail of 21 men, some of them former officers in the South Victnamese military, who are accused of plotting to overthrow the Communist regime through espionage, sabotage and armed

The 29-page bill of indict-ment claimed the accused were backed by Chinese and Thai officals in their five-year effort, and had tried to recruit confer with other plotters and guerrillas from among Vietna-mese refugees in Thai-Cambo-large amounts of arms and dia border camps.

It alleged they had destine dealings with five Americans at the US Embassy in Bangkok, and identified one diplomat, Donald B. Coleman, a second secretary.

The trial, which is expected

to last four to five days, is the largest staged publicly by the Communist Government. Evidently seeking widespread pub-licity, officials invited more than 20 foreign journalists to

the opening session.

The group is alleged to have planned disruptive terror attacks on targets in Ho Chi Minh City, including foreigners, hotels, the airport, a petroleum storage area, and key bridges. In addition, the group alleg-edly planned to sink Soviet and block the river channel to Saigon, disrupt the economy by dumping counter-feit currency in the country, raid prisons to get reinforces-

The Government claims the group planned to murder or kidnap French and Soviet consular officials to create "a strong impact on world

opinion".
One of the accused, Mai Van Hanh, a former South Vietnamese air force officer living in exile in France, was said to have made seven trips from Bangkok to Peking on Chinese aircraft to large amounts of arms and other equipment to agents infiltrated into Vietnam.

Another accused, Tran Van Ba, had allegedly told inter-rogators that "American imperialism" had been in touch with Hanh and with a Thailandbased operative. Le Quoc Tuy. LeQuoc Tuy was not listed as

present in court, and it could not be determined whether the name was an alias for one of the accused, or whether he is alive The charges named a senior That general named Chavalit, identified as Chief of Staff of Thai Land forces, responsible for Intelligence operations, as

having been "directly involved in all actions undertaken in Thailand" by Tuy and Hanh.

PEKING: China said yester day that it was "not worth commenting" on the Vietna-mese claim of Chinese involvement in the alleged plot (AP





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Not out – of print

You cannot be considered a serious cricket lunatic these days unless you have a bookcase given over to a complete set of Wisden from the first edition in 1864. Assembling such a collection, however, is neither easy nor cheap. The fashion can be traced back to Tim Rice who paid £700 for a full set in the early 1970s. Now you would expect to pay £12,000, or £200 for a single pre-1r 90 volume in decent condition. Now David Jenkins, a geography teacher has started to print facsimile editions of the rarer Wisdens. He started with 1885 (£20) followed with 1884 (£22) and at Easter will issue 1886. He plans to publish all the volumes from 1879 to 1890. His first venture was a case of accidental piracy. He was erroneously in-formed that Wisden moved out of copyright 50 years after the editor's death. Not so: Wisden, like time, is an ever-rolling stream, and never goes out of copyright. But they at 11 isden, are scholars and gentlemen and gave permission for Jenkins to

And so to Bev

One of the minor pleasures of the university rugby match is the presence of magnificently quadruple-initialled players in the team lists. This week, we had R. H. Q. B. Moon of Cambridge and, according to the news agencies and sponsor's handouts, J. S. O. B. Risman. These are not his true initials. It is a rugby loke, S.O.B. stands for Son of Rev joke. S.O.B. stands for Son of Bev: poor Risman is never mentioned in a rugby context without it being pointed out that he is the son of Bev Risman, England and British Lions stand-off in the late 1950s and early 60s and a defector to Rugby League. Bev himself is the Son of Gus, a notable League player. Risman appeared properly as J. M. in the

Clean sweep

Robert Maxwell, chairman of Oxford United (also something to do with newspapers) was distressed that the Football League gave out only 12 medals to players after Oxford won the third division championship last season. So he has struck his own medals, and banded them out to every one associated with the achievement. Jim Smith, the manager, has got one. So has 74-year-old Bill Palmer, who sweeps the terraces, and so has laundress Doreen Baker.

Forward looking

Pelé, fed up with being an over-thehill footballer, plans to fill the idle hours by becoming president of Brazil. Quite seriously. The backers of the former football master, who is now 44, say: "If he could do for Brazil what he could do with the ball, the country might get somewhere". But, sad to say, opinion polls do not demonstrate the same faith in Pelé's omnifariousness. Only 26 per cent said they would support him; 69 per cent said they would

• The Japanese are adopting human wave tactics for the Open golf championship next summer They are sending 50 reporters and photographers, and more than 100 radio and television people.

Sits vac

The troubles of Ibadan Shooting Stars, the splendid Nigerian football team, continue. It was they who were bombarded with itching powder by a hostile crowd during their African Champions Cup semi-final. Last Saturday they played the second leg of the final, against Zamalek of Egypt. They lost I-0 at home, 3-0 on aggregate. The response was swift and ruthless, Every player and official has been dismissed, with the approval of Colonel Oladyo Popoola, military governor of Western Oyo State.

Scilly season

I have some shocking news about the state of football in the Scilly Isles. For the first time in the history of Scillonian football, a player has been disciplined by the Cornish Football Association. Hang your head, Duncan Graham, you who were booked for dissent and fined £5. Scillonian football does not run on usual lines. For a start, there is only one club, on St Mary's. The club has two teams, Woolpack Wanderers and Garrison Gunners. They play in a rather small league. Gunners lead, undefeated after six games. Very, very occasionally, Scillonians play outsiders. During the autumn migrations, they played two matches against a team of birdwarchers, drawing one and winning the other.



Warnock: ethics undermined

no lesser consequence for the future of the human race than the early, purely scientific experiments which split the atom - resulting, within a few decades, in the most universal threat to human survival in the annals of man.

The Warnock Report on human fertilization is a notable document. In a world widely condemned for its moral indifference and turpitude, it is a refreshing demonstration of the high priority still accorded to moral values in public life. But while approving the general theme and endorsing many of its recommendations, I would be critical of some fundamental shortcomings:

It no longer appears a matter of urgent public policy to safeguard the most essential unit of the social fabric, the family. By expressly dissociating the definition of a "couple" from a legal husband-wife relationship and by legalizing the false entry of AID and IVF children as born to parents who are in fact infertile, the report turns marriage into an acceptable casualty of technological

Another cardinal imperative missing in the report is an overriding insistence on the interests of the child. It is an indefensible violation of rights which should be deemed inalienable to engage in such practices as, for example, the deliberate creation of orphans (by freezing semen, eggs or embryos for possible use after the donor's death); the permanent deception of children about their paternity (by AID and the fraudulent entry of the mother's barren husband as the father); or conceiving children by one mother to be borne by another (as a 'surrogate"), with the prospect that both may one day lay conflicting claims to the

The report is also flawed by its frequent recourse to arbitrary lines of demarcation between what is to be morally acceptable and criminally culpable. Conflicting views on moral principles cannot be resolved by

It is the season of frenzied leakage

and impassioned lobbying. Every

year at about this time, the arts are

seized by an unhealthy fervour. Primarily this is due to the

innouncement - this year, next

Monday - of the total sum available

to the Arts Council from the Government. This time the best that

can be hoped for is a 6-7 per cent

increase on last year's £96m, but

Before the announcement it is customary for a certain number of

arts organizations to scream in agony and hurl accusations of duplicity and insensitivity at the Arts Council. This year it has been

the turn of Sir Peter Hall's National

Theatre and the Manchester Royal

Exchange. The Royal Shakespeare

Company, normally at the front of the queue, and which in the past has

attempted quarterly howls of anguish, has been silenced by a one-off

grant last year arising from Clive Priestley's favourable report on its

Behind this ritual lies the 40-year-

old Arts Council practice of

maintaining a balance of terror among its cheets. Politely known as

deficit-funding, it basically means

that the council guarantees them

against losses. Its effect is to

preserve most companies in a

condition of financial stringency and

to make annual, cut-throat horse-

trading essential. But now the

prevailing ideology, emanating from

the office of the chairman, Sir William Rees-Mogg, is all about

their profits and must live with their

This may seem like an accounting

nuance but it is now the focus of the

entire strategy for overhauling the

council and, ensuring its survival.

For a grant system implies a different role for the inhabitants of

105 Piccadilly. It suggests they should simply fund rather than

service the arts. Deficit-financing

implies a system of strings tying the companies to Number 105 for their

day-to-day running. Grants imply a distinctly hands-off role.

This is the point at which the

grant strategy coincides with the policy outlined by Sir William a year

ago in the now-notorious The Glory
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of the Garden. This document outlined a policy of devolution to the regions, correcting the bias of arts funding to London. It offered

partnership deals with local auth-

orities and proposed sweeping

changes - like moving one of the four London orchestras to Notting-

to win from the Government the

adminstration of arts funds freed

from the metropolitan authorities after their abolition and of the South

Bank arts centre from the Greater

Combining the grant strategy with

the devolution proposals suggests a

change and diminution in the role of the head office. Regional arts associations will take up more of the

London Council.

ham. It proved convincing enough

about 4 per cent is more likely.

Tampering with the innermost mysteries of nature, the building of life itself, may prove of Chief Rabbi of Great Britain

> compromise or by splitting the difference at some random point. Thus, experimentation on embryos is morally either totally inadmissable, or else it is acceptable for reasons other than being within the 14-day time limit. Mere numbers can never establish or define moral norms.

Professional, parliamentary and public opinion has evidently reserved its most vehement opposition to the recommendations approving experiments on in vitro embryos under certain conditions. Of far graver consequence are the recommendations which would legalize and encourage disregard for the sanctity of marriage as the sole legitimate agency for the procreation of human life, and which would seriously violate every child's inalienable rights - as well as the maximum prospect of being raised as a normal, responsible and

constructive member of society.

One of the most objectionable statements in the report, because it is of the gravest and most widespread consequence, is the considered refusal to limit access to treatment for infertility to legally married couples. It would constitute an intolerable affront to the most precious element of the Judaeo-Christian heritage, and would cause incalculable harm to children deliberately conceived under such circumstances.

Equally abhorrent is the recommendation to legalize the "fiction" permitting the infertile husband of a wife inseminated by a donor to be falsely registered as the child's father and for a similar falsification of the child's natural origin to be made legal in respect of women carrying donated eggs or donated embryos. Such fraudulent registration would throw doubt on the veracity of all birth certificates and thus on the true paternity of all children, since it would never

be known for certain whether a declaration of birth is really truthful or not.

The time to warn against undue haste in the blind pursuit of scientific and technological progress is now. Already it is estimated that we double the sum total of our scientific knowledge every eight years, acquiring as much new knowledge every eight years as mankind has accumulated over all the millennia of human inquiry and discovery in the past. Scientific ingenuity requires an occasional rest for reflection on where we are and where we are likely to be

In the Jewish scale of values every innocent human life is of infinite worth. Infinity cannot be multiplied. Hence, one human being is worth no more and no less than a million others, and we are never justified in sacrificing a single life on the altar of science, even with the prospect that we might thereby save millions in the future.

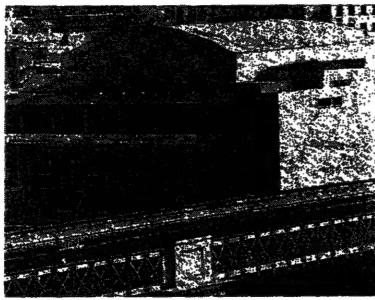
A further danger looms, and calls for the utmost vigilance. Human life, generated from test-tubes and petri dishes, sustained by artificial foods and drugs, and terminated by unplugging some life-support mackine, may be reduced to a form of mechanization in which the incomparable grandeur of the human spirit, the genius of the human mind and the noblest virtues of the human heart are asphyxiated in the exhaust fumes of our technological wonders.

For the proper checks and balances to be devised and operated, more than parliamentary legislation is required, indispensable as this is. Far greater emphasis is needed in raising scientists, doctors and technicians who will be as ethically sensitive as they are professionally competent, and cultivating moral conscience as a factor in the formation of public opinion at least as potent as material ambitions, ideological commitments and political propaganda.

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Bryan Appleyard on the new tensions in the annual battle for Arts Council funding

Why the Glory of the Garden has lost its bloom



The Royal Festival Hall: bookings for 1986-87 still being taken by the doorned GLC despite an attempted Arts Council take-over.

Below: Lord Gowrie and Sir William Rees-Mogg: after early successes their hopes for radical changes look like foundering



management strain, leaving the Arts Council with the rather more ethereal role of national strategy and playing landlord to the South Bank. For Lord Gowrie, the Arts Minister, this all makes perfect sense, it offers the kind of radical. populist right-wing approach that might be expected of him and escapes from the old arts battles between generous Labour and mean Tories. Unfortunately it may not be



For a start The Glory of the Garden has proved appallingly deficient in the quality of its detail. Shifting a London orchestra is now almost certainly impossible: the reasons are complex, but basically the council does not have the power. Meanwhile the local authority partnership plans have unleashed a series of demands which the council has not the funds to meet. Nothing like the £6m shift from London to the regions can now happen, to come.

although it is clear that three regional theatres - not the Royal Exchange - will benefit.

Even on the South Bank there have been embarrassing problems. An attempt by the council to take over bookings for the Royal Festival Hall for the 1986-87 season has foundered; bookings are still being taken by a regime which, by then.

But perhaps most significant of all is that the major battle has not yet even begun - the one between the Rees-Mogg faction at the Arts Council and those still clinging to the past. For it is clear that, although the most senior level at Piccadilly is moving more or less in unison, lower down there are problems. Most obviously there is the question of staffing. One Basil Denning another in the astonishingly long list of outside consultants, the council uses to review its work - is currently charged with reviewing management procedures at head office. Given the devolution/grants policy this can only mean cuts, possibly savage. New jobs may crop up in the regions. But the metropolitan bias of the arts is not simply financial, it is cultural. Moving out to the sticks is not the ambition of most Londonbased administrators.

Any such proposals will run into deeply entrenched opposition which will mobilize all the old rhetorical formulae political interference in the arts, freedom of expression and so

on Amisma n enough people, rightly or wrongly, that his is the only way ahead. A bloody battle fought in defence of the old regime at 105 would wreck anything he may achieve in the way of convincing the Government that the Arts Council is a viable

So far the progress in terms of public relations has been poor. The Glory of the Garden strategy has been bogged down and clients are mistrustful. In this context Sir William's words in the latest annual report are significant. "It took about 25 years to bring London to its present position as probably the greatest arts capital in the world, and it will almost certainly take another generation to complete an adequate programme for the rest of Britain." in other words: this is all proving very tricky.

But the strategy is far from lost, Lord Gowrie has clearly signalled faith in the council with the gift of the local authority money and the management of the South Bank. In return he will want to see the kind of radical innovation which will separate him from the long line of arts ministers who have simply moaned about lack of money. A year ago the whole operation may have seemed on the brink of success; now it must be staring failure in the face. Meanwhile the screams of agony will be a seasonal feature for some time

How Austen came to Texas, and all points north

After years of gentle persuasion, America's literary sensibilities have finally awakened to Jane Austen. Tomorrow "Janeites" throughout the United States and Canada will gather to celebrate the 209th anniversary of her birth. An estimated 1,600 Janeites comprise the Jane Austen Society of North America, which has more than 20 chapters from Florida to Alaska, and does a remarkably brisk business in Austen sweatshirts, bumper stickers

"It's like coming out of the closet," confided a New York Janeite, writer and real estate expert Edith Lank. In fact, so many closet doors have opened that the Wall Street Journal has dubbed the Austen devotees "cultists", and sales of her six novels have surged upwards as the Anglophile fascination prospers.

"Just as everyone can tell you when they lost their virginity, everyone in the society can tell you where they read their first Jane Austen, when it was, who gave it to them, and what the weather was like. I guess it's a moment you never forget," Said Mrs Lank.

More than three million copies of

Austen's novels are now in print, and publishers say she is one of their top-selling female writers. Bantam Books, which began publishing Austen's works only three years ago, has already sold well over 500,000 copies and is proposing the ultimate in modern acceptance - putting her works in airport bookshops, long prejudiced in favour of glossy trash. Lu-Aun Walther, a senior editor Bantam, said: "There is a hunger in this country for good books, and as modern life becomes more and more complicated, women especially are turning to Jane Austen. It is an escape into orderliness, plus her sharpness of satire and beautiful tranquilising

istening to Mozart". Certainly, the Austen appeal is no longer confined to the corridors of academia. According to Lu-Ann Walther, readers now include many housewives, who may regard her works as the epitome of upper-crust romance. Austen's preoccupation with love, marriage, snobbery and seduction is just the stuff that Dynasty is made of, but the Janeites quail at the soap connection, "I have never watched a soap in my life", said Edith Lank. "But I would say

prose. You could equate it to



Austen: even in feminist favour

the difference, aside from the style and wit of Austen's writing, is that every character is entirely true".

Curiously, despite Auster's ostensible anti-feminist outlook - in Northanger Abbey, for instance, she advises: "A woman, especially, if she has the misfortune of knowing any thing, should conceal it as well as

she can" - the wrath of the women's movement has been stayed. Lu-Ann Walther submits that women, far from being outraged by Austen's principles, are actually relieved to withdraw into her structured world where male and female roles are so clearly defined. "There is a solace and a perfection in her books that is frequently missing from our lives",

But the Jancites' annual meetings are not always occasions of peace and learning in a cultural desert. "They can become quite violent at times", admitted Edith Lank "One year, when a speaker said that Mary Crawford (Mansfield Park) was the most evil woman in English literature since Lady Macheth, a man leapt up shouting. I have been in love with Mary Crawford these last 20 years, and I urge you to move on to the next topic"."

Heated discussions may mark the Austen anniversary parties on Sunday, but their success is assured. As playwright Joan Austen Leigh, Jane Austen's great-great-grand-neice explained: You only have to say Which is your favourite character?" and you're off".

Anthony Quinton

Restoring mind over patter

The Reith lectures began 36 years ago with Bertrand Russell's series Authority and the Individual. The idea was that some "acknowleged authority" in a subject should be invited to undertake some study or original research" on it and "give listeners the results". Russell's, as might have been expected, were elegantly constructed in a flow of forceful and sub-epagramatic proeful and sub-epigramatic entences. They were also a bit

platitudinous. Later series have been more stimulating, even provocative. At any rate, the lectures have survived. Their appearance in The Listener tends to elicit batches of longish letters and in this respect the recently completed Reith lectures of Professor John Searie, of the University of California at Berkeley,

are no exception.

His subject was Minds, Brains and Science and, in the simplest possible terms, his position is that possible terms, his position is that neither the aggressively materialistic view of some who practise or admire the new sciences of artificial intelligence and cognitive psychology nor any kind of dualism which seeks to disconnect the mind. from physical nature as being something of an utterly different sort

The mental - the realm of conciousness, meaning, subjectivity—is a part of the physical world; more precisely, it is a feature of a special part of the physical world, namely the brain. Mind is related to the brain, he says, as the solidity of some chunk of stuff is related to the structure of its submicroscopic constituents. Vitalism, the idea that living matter must contain some living matter must contain some distinguishing non-physical ingredi-ent because it behaves so differently from the main mass of non-living matter, has simply faded away as we have come to learn more of the detail of how living matter works. It is time, he suggests, to take the same attitude to mind.

So he has no comfort to offer to supernaturalism, that idea of the priority of mind to nature which has always been taken to be essential to a religious conception of the world. On the other hand he is insistent that the mind is not a machine, not even the most sophisticated sort of electronic machine. There are two main sides to this negative claim. The first is that there is only a kind of metaphorical connection between human thinking and the thinking of computers. The second is that because of the way the mental and social aspects of human life are saturated with intentionality, the meaningful use of language and the framing of purposes generally, they can never be explained in terms of neurophysiology; the commonsense accounts we give of what we and other people mean or are up to must always take precedence.

His Chinese room comes in to

establish the first of these points. What it amounts to is that a machine, an artificial intelligence, can transform symbols fed into it into other symbols - indeed it can do so with superhuman rapidity and accuracy - but that does not amount to understanding those symbols. Searle first studied philosophy as a Rhodes scholar at Oxford and has ever since revealed the influence of the late J. L. Austin, the most brilliant and authoritative of Oxford's linguistic philosophers in the first 15 post-war years. Austin once observed that a man stuck with nothing to read but an Arabic dictionary might learn exactly which Arabic words and phrases were synonyms of one another, and so be able to carry out eleborate paraphrases of Arabic texts. without having the slightest idea of what any
of the linguistic items he was dealing
with meant. Searle's Chinese room
is simply a version of that story.
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overweening claims about the mechanisability of mind. The thinking that machines can now do is not what we call thinking at all; it is just deductive symbol-transformation, which is only a fragment of our thinking processes. Others realize much more is involved in human thinking: the ability to apply words to perceived states of affairs, the use of words for purposes other than the automatic recording of some feature of the environment. To say that the mind is a machine is to say that machines can do a very large range of things and it is by no means certain that they can do the requisite ones. But the fact that symbol-transformation by itself is not thinking does not prove Searle's point unless he can show that symbol-transforming is all that any

Searle's style of presentation is American in an attractive way. He is open and fearless; he makes definite statements in everyday language and his claims are bold and unhedged. Another Austinian characteristic is his devotion to the concrete and familiar. But they are very different thinkers. Austin used the distinction-making skills of an old-fashioned classical scholar to punc-ture great balloons of abstract philosophical theory. Searle's intellectual surroundings are of a quite largest concentrations of productive scientists and in a country where scientists are altogether less walled up in their specialisms than here, It was a risky enterprise to take on so much in six half-hour lectures but his concern with what is going on at the sharp edge of scientific progress endowed its in many ways tra-ditional main topic - the place of mind in pature - with force. Lord Quinton is President of Trinity College, Oxford.

Woodrow Wyatt

No surrender to the Tory rebels

Mr Pym gave life to the theory that influential in their constituencies. it is dangerous for a government to have too large a majority. This government's present difficulties with its backbenchers are often ascribed to having too many of

them. The theory is shaky. Mr Attlee had a majority in 1945 over the Conservatives of 180, which compares with today's Conservative majority over Labour of 185. He had no difficulty in containing rebellions. Attlee's troubles began when his majority dropped to 17 over the Conservatives, and five overall, in 1950. The Bevanite split made him feel insecure and was a trigger for the election in October 1951. The following 13 years of Tory rule were conducted with small and large majorities without Tory backbenchers becoming a nuisance.

When Mr Wilson won in 1964 with an overall majority of four he did not escape pressure from backbenchers. Desmond Donnelly and I frightened him so badly that we stopped the nationalization of steel for the lifetime of the Parliament, although it was at the forefront of Labour's policy.

With a large majority of 110 over the Conservatives in 1966 Wilson still did not have an altogether easy ride. It was his backbenchers, egged on by party activists and union leaders, who prevented the trade union reform envisaged in the 1969 he announced his surrender it was inevitable that Labour would lose the 1970 election.

There is no particular evidence pointing to the desirability for a

government of having a large or small majority. The evidence points more to the danger to a government of faltering before backbenchers manipulated by party activists who claim to be the true repositories of the party's sacred faiths.

Whatever they think, such people

do not represent the feelings of ordinary members of a party, or of those who vote for it. Normal people do not ardently engage in politics, preferring to use their leisure for more agreeable pursuits. It is mainly cranks who are vocal in constituency parties and who interpret the opinion of their supporters as being

that of their own.

The recent fuss over student grants is illustrative. Conservative MPs got threatening letters, telephone calls and visits from their principal supporters, many of whom are generous with cash for party funds. It was a blatant exercise in maintaining unnecessarily large free gifts to the better off. Most of the rest of the country thought Sir Keith Joseph was acting wisely and fairly. Many Tory MPs, especially the new

I thought the Government mis-taken to budge and that Sir Kerth had more political sense in wide electoral terms than the protesters. The Government muddled minority special interest opinion with popular opinion. It is a precedent that it should be careful not to follow.

Doctors are enraged because Mr Fowler, Social Services Secretary, is trying to save substantial sums by preventing prescription of pro-prietary drugs in cases where the generic equivalent is far cheaper and just as efficacious. The doctors are the victims of pressure from the drug companies, which are not above providing them with pleasant Inexperienced MPs confuse the perks. ..

doctors' indignation with a desire for the best treatment, irrespective of cost, and with public opinion which doctors are believed to influence. Fowler and the Government would be foolish to take any notice. There are large savings to be made by generic prescribing. This government must keep public economy as its lodestar, or it will not ambition to taise tax thresholds, which would give greater incentive and relief to the less well.

which would give greater meaning and relief to the less well-off.

Conservative backbenchers should bravely tell their natural and supporters that more prominent supporters that they have already done well. Before Mrs Thatcher the top rate of income tax was 83 per cent plus 15 per cent tax was 83 per cent plus 15 per cent surcharge on investment income. bringing a total top imposition of 98 per cent. Now the top rate is 60 per cent and there is no investment surcharge.
Welfare state expenditure in-

cludes such items as tax relief for the 13 million pension funds and for mortgages. The cost for other taxpayers of tax relief to the 7 million mortgaged property owners (with their families, well under half the population) is £3,500m a year. The cost of tax relief to those in pension funds is around £3,000m.

Danegeld has already been paid to Tory backbenchers over student grants. The Government must grants. The Government must remember that whatever the size of its majority it should do what it its majority it should do what it thinks is right, and can prevail if it has the will for it. Once it begins to look as though it is afraid of its activist backbenchers it will be doomed at the next election.

What is required is a firm and persuasive Chief Whip, armed with advance information of policies which may cause initial disquier, to soothe and bully the backbenchers. Even with a large majority the discontents out of office are never numerous enough to outweigh ministers, private secretaries and ones, however, were unnerved by those who still hope for office, and an opposition rarely supports a they thought probably wrongly, government's militant activists.

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MR FOWLER'S BIKE

"The very unequal price of labour which we frequently find in England in places at no great distance from one another is probably owing to the obstruction which the law gives to the poor man who would carry his industry from one parish to another without a certificate."

That was Adam Smith. In the midst of his industrial revolution he judged the way the operation of the poor law prevented the mobility of labour to be economic folly; it was, besides, an "evident violation of natural liberty". And in the midst of what should be our post-industrial revolution, how do our poor laws assist economic transformation? There is before Parliament a measure that recapitulates the Act of Settlement against which Smith railed. It is advanced by Mr Fowler in all sincerity as a means of reining in his social securiy budget. But in its essence it is a measure suited to a sclerotic nation, a measure to freeze jobs and people. Let Smith's sentiments be our guide in judging it.

Ever since Mr Tebbit made his celebrated remark about labour mobility, based understandably enough on the historical model of the migration in the 1930s to the new industries of the Midlands and South East. the government has equivocated: Had it wanted to undam a flow of labour to the pastures around the new industries and services of the 1980s, it would have to force a collective will through the Whitehall innards. That has not

Policies on, for example,

housing, job training, rate grants Settlement is gone. Mr Fowler just do not mesh. Take town and country planning. Ever since Mr Heseltine's energetic presence was missed at the Department of the Environment there has been (notably from Mr Patrick Jenkin, MP for green belt Woodford) precious little action for development of housing in the favoured areas. And now there comes a proposal from the Department of Health and Social Security that may have a stultifying effect on such small trickle of internal migration as there is. Mr Fowler seeks to discourage the young jobless from moving. Let them be poor and available for work in Merseyside or Strathclyde; the rules are to be changed to prevent them being poor and available for work in Berkshire

or Grampian.

There are abuses in the way social security provides for those who move from their habitual place of residence: abuses by the poor, by non-poor cheats and abuses by rack-renting landladies and hoteliers, and not just in Torquay. Certainly the board and lodging payments made to cover the extra costs of living away from a permanent domicile are expensive and have been mounting. But so, too, has joblessness. Mr Fowler, sensibly, proposes to cap the board and lodging payments. But he also proposes severe restrictions on the eligibility of 16 and 17 yearolds outside their home parish. And for all the mobile poor a clock is set ticking. No lodging payments at all are to be made after 28 days of job search.

proposes no compulsory transfers, no repatriation of itinerant Scots (though local DHSS offices will undoubtedly consider requests for assistance with train fares back to Glasgow and Liverpool); nor is the government to cut the mobile poor off without a penny when their 28 days are up. They are to get the lowest rate of benefit: the rate, that is, which will barely cover accommodation in a flop-house. Mr Fowler has promised to safeguard the position of the genuine job seeker. But are his

measures (which are administratively complex) stricky necessary? Abuse can be contained by more effective policing of the system. Caps on lodging ex-penses would move people into lower-cost accommodation.

John Howlett, a contemporary of
Adam Smith, marvelled at how, despite the poor laws, the young changed their residence. "Were it otherwise, how has it happened that Sheffield, Birmingham and Manchester have increased, from almost mere villages, to populous towns?" Mr Fowler should pause, perhaps defer his proposals on board and lodging until his social security review is published in the New Year. He had promised that the effects of the system on employment will be a primary concern of his reforms. Let him meanwhile ponder Howlett's remark. In this era the inhabitants of Sheffield and Manchester may themselves be required to venture forth, to work and build elsewhere. Our poor laws must not stop them.

OPEN THE BUDGET BOX

lifting of the first veil of Budget

secrecy are in the City, where

smart financial salesmen have

of pre-Budget rumours. But the

real question is what the

Treasury has lost, and what it

would now lose or gain from

For Treasury ministers' classic

defence of Budget secrecy has

always been that prior infor-

mation would enable individuals

to arrange their affairs so as to

deprive the Government of

revenue. Now they seem to be

realising that it is lack of

information that may cause

ways. Of course, what all those

nervous pensioners to be should

have realised was that the

Chancellor did not have a dog's

chance of getting the immediate taxation of lump sums through today's House of Commons. In

expressing himself piously

against such quasi-retrospective

taxation. Mr Lawson was simply

bowing with reasonable grace to

the inevitable.

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seats, the prime losers from this in relation to tax reform: that it

This is not 1662; the Act of

Many a thrusting young manager or fast-track public servant has had his hopes dashed by the Chancellor's assurance that the Budget will not penalise those who wait to retire until after the end of this financial year. For a time it seemed that Mr Nigel Lawson had devised the perfect policy for the youthful regener- taking off a few more layers. ation of Britain's industry and public service, by allowing rumours to circulate about the taxation of pension "lump sums" which were stimulating a top people's scramble for early

Faced with the threat of a mass exodus from the heights of Britain's private and public sectors, however, Mr Lawson has capitulated. The Prime Minister, too, has joined in the reassurance business: it seems that mortgage tax relief, like the National Health Service, is safe with Mrs Thatcher. And we know more clearly than ever that she is determined to raise income tax thresholds.

Apart from all those heirs apparent to Britain's boardroom

a corpse on the run in Devon. The local environmental health authorities are hot on the trail of the late Edward McKenzie. a former tramp who died six weeks ago aged 72. Allegedly with his consent, Mr Robert Lenkiewicz, a friend of the dead man, arranged for him to be embalmed under a process usually reserved for laboratory specimens, and encased in a transparent block of acrylic -'like a paperweight", says Mr. Lenkiewicz, who plans eventually to display his friend in his library. But the council, which has statutory powers to take possession of a body if "suitable" arrangements" have not been made for its disposal, is treating the affair as a test case and means to take Mr Lenkiewicz (and Mr McKenzie, if he can be

Suitable in whose eyes?", the judge will have to ask himself. In the eyes of the health inspector. or the next-of-kin, or the man on the Saltash omnibus? Mr McKenzie himself probably has no locus standi, for one ceases to be proprietor of one's own body at the moment of giving up the tenancy of it. Yet common sense suggests that the actual or inferred wish of the deceased should be the decisive factor in the absence of overriding objections. Given that no public health risk is involved (which is apparently not in dispute),

Acid rain report From Mr Bryan Cossidy, MEP for Dorset East and Hampshire West Sir, Though I can normally find

Second, I and some of my colleagues would perhaps be more sympathetic to the German Government's wish to reduce aumospheric pollution if a speed limit were to be introduced on to German motorways. This they have resolutely refused to do, regarding it as the sacred right of every German motorist to blast along the autobahn at the maximum possible speed. Britain's record in fighting air Yours faithfully.

rates of spending or income taxes; quite another to surprise them with changes in the structure of taxation which affect long-term, even lifetime, decisions. The treatment of savings, including house purchase, are obvious examples. These kinds of reform need a long lead-time for public digestion of tentative proposals, of the kind now provided by the American Treasury's tax plan. Attempts to fit them into the traditional British Budget box

is fundamentally unsuited to the

tradition of Budget surprises. It

is one thing to spring on the

public sudden changes in the

run a double risk. If they are not rumoured abroad before Budget day, an unprepared Parliament may revolt; if they are rumoured in advance, ministers may be trapped into denials that constrain the possibilities of reform. This has now happened on the taxation of child benefit, of mortgage interest, and lump sum pensions. For a radical Chancellor, there has to be a better way

TRAMP IN ASPIC

But this reflects a deeper truth,

Call in the Ghostbusters: there is should the law intervene to Bentham, 150 years after his prevent an individual from surrounding himself with old friends in the privacy of his own home if he wishes?

it may be unseemly, but should it be illegal? Other corpses, over which there is far less reason to assume consent, are on public display in many museums, playing their part in arousing an early interest in the past among parties of schoolchildren. The mummified dead are displayed in some parts of Italy. In parts of the world as far apart as Greece, Borneo and Patagonia it is or was the custom to desinter ancestral bones and respectfully clean them from time to time. The physical presence of the dead is something that we are exceptionally uncomfortable with today.

The present case is chiefly distinctive because it concerns a private-sector corpse, which might eventually end up on sale in the Portobello Road, more insistently macabre than the Victorian mourning-rings and hair-bracelets always on sale there, though not greatly different in kind. A corpse still subject the possibility of being to brought and sold, with all the vicissitudes that may go with it, can scarcely be said to have attained the desired condition of being at rest.

The chief English authority on the subject would be in no doubt about the question. Jeremy

death, is still to be seen at University College, London, which he is erroneously supposed to have founded. That humouriess apostle of happiness was much preoccupied with the utilitarian possibilities of the dead, and spent his last days writing a paper called "Auto-Ikon, Or the Uses of the Dead to the Living". It sets out to prove that every man might be his own statue if embalmed, a proposition which has gained little favour either with families or with sculptors. "If a country gentleman have rows of trees leading to his dwelling, the autoikon of his family might alternate with the trees; copal varnish would protect the face from the effects of rain, - caetchoc the habiliments", he suggests with a

straight face. Unlike some philosophers, he followed the consequences of his notions through to the end. He willed his body to be dissected for the benefit of medicine, and what remains (only the head, strictly, is mummified) is preserved in a glass case to this day. He is a public cadaver, and a public-sector one, and the college scrupulously protects him from unseemly vicissitudes. Sometimes he emerges to preside with considerable dignity over the deliberations of the college council, where he allows every member a full hearing, and talks less nonsense than any of them.

pollution is good. UK sulphur-dioxide emissions have fallen by over 30 per cent since 1970 and by 15 per cent since 1980. We share international concern about acid rain, but we are not alone in having reservations about the cost-effectiveness of the EEC proposals for stricter emission standards at large combustion plants such as power stations. Denmark, Greece, Ireland and Italy share the British view.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Boxing promotion Unemployed youth without benefit and BBC TV

From the Head of Sport, BBC

Sir, Your Boxing Correspondent implies in his article printed today (December 13) that television contractual arrangements between the BBC and the boxing promoters Mickey Duff and Mike Barrett prevent the BBC from contracting boxing contests on the open market outside the Duff/Barrett orbit". That is not the case. The BBC

is under no such restraint or obligation, contractually or otherwise. We are free to televise whatever contests we select and can contract. Notably, for example, over the past year we have televised four contests featuring Barry McGuigan, staged by Eastwood Promotions in Belfast.

In recent years we have certainly televised more Duff/Barrett pro-motions than all the rest put together, but this has enabled us to feature extensively the developing careers of eventual British world champions like John Conteh. John Stracey, Jim Watt, Alan Minter, Maurice Hope and Charlie Magri. Yours faithfully. JONATHAN MARTIN, Head of Sport, BBC Television,

British Broadcasting Corporation, Kensington House, Richmond Way, W14, December 13.

Polytechnic inquiry

From Professor David Smith Sir, In today's issue of *The Times* (December 14) Lady Cox and others suggest that the proposed Inner London Education Authority inquiry into the recent events at the Polytechnic of North London will not be seen as independent.

Unfortunately there is the problem that an inquiry set up by the Government might likewise be seen to lack true independence, at least by some of those involved in the

As Leader of the Opposition on the Inner London Education Authority, may I say that I welcome the appointment of Miss Sheila Browne as chairman of the inquiry which is being set up by the authority, and that I have complete faith in her disinterest and impartiality. Yours faithfully. DAVID SMITH,

Members' Lobby, The County Hall, SEI. December 14.

The plight of Bhopal

From Mr M. R. Deere

Sir, Professor Lee's letter (December 12) suggesting "lessons from the plight of Bhopal" implied that developing countries need to build up an infrastructure of health and safety similar to that of Great Britain. The experience of Flixborough and other disasters that have afflicted Britain and the Western world would indicate that such a proposal cannot be the

Having been a Government factory inspector and a safety consultant to many public companies and similar organisations, I question the validity of this hypothesis. This risk will exist until greater attention is given by employers to the potential risks of their operations, and safety accorded the same status as the duties of company officers to maximize profits. ·

This is especially pertinent now that it has been reported that the hazards were highlighted in a safety audit over two years ago at the Bhopal plant. Yours faithfully, MICHAEL DEERE,

Horizon, 2 Heather Hills, Stockton Brook, Stoke-on-Trent, December 12.

Church polls

From the Right Reverend Dr Oliver Sir, The Director of the Church Society (December 8) likes "simple

questions". May I ask him one -Are you a fundamentalist?"

If he answers "Yes", I reply that the Church of England, on the whole is not

If he replies "No", I ask why he is

anxious if there is a diversity of interpretations of Scripture. If he would rather reply "It all depends on what you mean by fundamentalist," that is precisely the kind of answer we are not allowed to give in such polls. Yours sincerely.

OLIVER TOMKINS. 14 St George's Square, Worcester.

Gilbert Kaplan

From Mr Alan Vaughan Williams Sir, Sally Brompton's intriguing article on Gilbert Kaplan (December 7) gave the strong impression that he was in Britain to conduct the London Symphony Orchestra in Mahler's Resurrection only at the Royal Festival Hall on Sunday.

In fact, his London appearance was his second in the UK; on Saturday he led the same orchestra through the same work at the St David's Hall in Cardiff.

It took some courage on the part of a local council to build an international concert hall in a small capital city. It would now be helpful and timely to recognise its enterprise in enabling us to share this rare musical experience with New York, Tokyo and, of course, London. Yours faithfully, ALAN VAUGHAN WILLIAMS.

92 Ninian Road,

Roath Park.

December 10.

Sir, Lord Young (scanne, December 6)

3) and your leader (December 6)

both refer to the Beveridge report

statement that "for boys and girls

there should ideally be no unconditional benefit at all; their enforced abstention from work should be made an occasion of further training". Two points need to be made about the use of this statement to apparently justify possible further restrictions on the right of unem-ployed young people to claim

Sir, Lord Young (feature, December

From Mr Ray Hurst

Firstly, the right to receive benefit during a period of unemployment has never been unconditional. It has always been subject to the condition that the claimant at all times is available for and prepared to enter employment. Last year the Government extended this condition to include approved training within the Youth Training Scheme under the terms of the Social Security Act 1975.

Lord Young implies ("there are color foung minutes t made at still very many jobs for young people") that 16 and 17-year-olds may deliberately be refusing to enter jobs or training in preference to receiving supplementary benefit. Government statistics suggest

Currently, 318,000 young people are involved in the Youth Training Scheme, all of whom could qualify for supplementary benefit if they so chose. Also, the latest unemploy-ment figures show that there are now over 600,000 unemployed teenagers in the United Kingdom, excluding those in the Youth Training Scheme, while only 9,700 "real job" vacancies are notified at careers offices for young people, over half of which are in the South. These statistics should therefore, if examined objectively, clearly

Salisbury car park

From Mr Robert Key, MP for Salisbury (Conservative) Sir, How tragic that not only has Constable been invoked in casti-gation of the dean and chapter over the matter of parking arrangements at Salisbury Cathedral but that, within months of the proud fetting of our Nobel Laureate, William Gold-ing (whose novel, *The Spire*, gives such powerful insight into the intellectual torture of our cathedral's builders) the Salisbury community should be so unnecessarily rent.

It is true that Canon Dunlop's perception of the problem (letter, December 11) is contradicted by the bishop and by many Close residents. But no one questions the need for car parking. We do query the proposed siting of a new coach park quite different

come to set aside our squabbles and explore the many constructive suggestions which have emerged during this sorry dispute. Our objectives must be long-term - and would, I hope, include exclusion of coaches from the Close and a resolution not to knock any holes in the Close walls.

From Mr Gavin Scott

in Bombay, while making a docu-mentry film. I found row after row after row of empty shelves which had been cleared of Agatha Christie, Len Deighton and P. G. Wodehouse to make room for such down-to-carth texts as The Care and Maintenance of Pre-stressed Concrete and A Guide to Bee-keeping.
We were told that this had been

done on instructions from the Overseas Development Adminis-tration, which wished to ensure that the contents of British Council libraries more closely reflected Britain's practical aid programme to the sub-continent. We examined the library's reports and discovered that there had been "angry scenes" when local clients had realised how they were being deprived.

can have as a means of cultural propaganda, my producer and I wondered if this policy is not too "down to earth" for its own good. But we were chiefly struck by the financial circumstances are so straitened that choices like this have to be made at all.

The French and the Germans spend between two and three times what we spend on this kind of overseas activity: this has not only (for example) assisted, in my view, in the process by which France and Germany now enjoy closer relations than those between Britain and France, but is also ensuring that the Germans are expanding their influence in America when our official cultural programme there is tiny.

Motorway crashes

From Mr G. P. Wilkinson

Pinner, Middlesex

December 12.

Sir, We close the motorways after a With the onset of a sandstorm

G. P. WILKINSON. 38 Cuckoo Hill Drive,

From Mr J. F. Dibblee Sir, Mr McCombie's idea (December 13) of placing spaced reflectors on motorways to help judgement of

emphasise that insufficient jobs are available for the present number of

unemployed teenagers. This leads to the second point raised by Lord Young, namely, the offer of good training to young people. Where is this good training for unemployed teenagers outside of the Youth Training Scheme, which concentrates on the needs of the current year's school leavers?

The Government's policy of concentrating training resources for other groups on "known employ-ment needs" will mean that older unemployed teenagers will be deprived of opportunities to undertake speculative training, unless they are fortunate to be engaged in the relatively small Community Programme.
Unemployed young people have

already borne a disproportionate burden towards achieving what the Government considers to be the necessary economic conditions create growth in jobs. Until the results of this policy are clearly seen to be working, i.e., by the provision of sufficient jobs to enable school leavers to enter work suitable to their abilities, it would be socially discriminatory, considering recent policy decisions affecting other

groups of young people, to reduce still further, or abolish altogether, benefits for unemployed teenagers. Many of the young unemployed come from households where unemployment is a perpetual problem and where there is already great financial hardship and stress. Yours faithfully,

RAY HURST, Hon Secretary, The Institute of Careers Officers, Careers Office. Fry Street, Middlesbrough, Cleveland. December 10.

shrinking tourist world.

Within the tourist industry there

Salisbury Close remains an oasis

architectural and ecological heritage.

Parochial interest is quite legitimate

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Sir, Canon Dunlop's letter (Decem-

In his letter he says, "Unless

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allocate to the British Council

hamper our competition for influ-

ence, especially in the Third World,

with the Soviet Union. There is all

too much evidence in India that,

when it comes to winning "hearts

and minds", Britain is losing out to

Sir, Mr Swainson (December 8)

claims that the British Council's purchasing policy for their libraries

His own evidence for this

sweeping assertion is that some 14

years ago he found a complete history of Test matches between England and Australia on the

shelves of the council's library in

Tripoli. It makes an amusing

anecdote but, of course, casual browsing through any library's

collections will throw up a few

However, my experience as chairman of the British Council's

Library Advisory Committee has been that the council's policy, far

from being questionable, is highly successful. Some six million books,

covering all aspects of British endeavour in the arts, humanities,

social sciences, science and tech-

nology, are borrowed each year, generating a revenue of about fi million from an overseas

community seeking knowledge of

British ideas that is second only in

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exist, both for day and night and

right in front of the driver - lane

World Service.

Yours faithfully.

East Sussex.

December II.

HARRY HOOKWAY,

35 Goldstone Crescent.

esoteric or eccentric purchases.

overseas is highly questionable.

is a mass of information on "set-down and park" and other schemes, well tried in Britain and around our and a beacon, physical and spiritual. We share a duty to conserve its be surprised at the wider outcry which has followed their somewhat There will be other, bigger problems. Let us put them all in

Interestingly, the site suggested is the Rack Close, so named after the racks of hay provided in that meadow by the dean for the horses of visitors and clergy in days gone

The mes age is clear, the time has

Yours faithfully, M. J. FAULKES.

Yours faithfully,

ROBERT KEY,

House of Commons.

From Mr M. J. Faulkes

ber 11) is amazing.

why not do just that? 171 Kidmore Road. Caversham, Berkshire.

December 12. the relatively small amounts we

the Russians.

Richmond,

Yours faithfully,

GAVIN SCOTT.

19 Mount Ararat Road,

From Sir Harry Hookway

British Council

Sir, I read with interest (December 5) of Captain William Cooper's difficulties in finding engineering texts in the British Council library in Rome. I recently encountered almost precisely the opposite difficulty in the British Council library

Bearing in mind the long-lasting and subtle influences that literature regrettable fact that the council's

This is to say nothing of the way

pile-up. Why not before? and visibility similar to that in our own fogs, the Saudis close their highways. Yours faithfully,

lines and cats' eyes. All we need is publicity linking how many you can see with how fast you can safely drive. Yours faithfully, J. F. DIBBLEE, 43 Cross Lane,

Cubbington, Learnington Spa.

Warwickshire. December 13.

Sunday as day for common sense

From the Chairman of Habitat/ Mothercare

Sir, I claim, for the retail trade, that we are the most vigorous and innovative sector of the British economy. We are collectively one of the biggest employers. We are the industry most in touch with the

We are also an industry governed by arcane and archaic legislation. Its maze of arbitrary do's and don'ts provides a source of whimsical entertainment for those so minded: donkey fodder can be bought on a Sunday but not cat food in a tin; fresh cat food is all right: a Boeing 747 can be bought in kit form but not assembled; a story serialised in a magazine is OK, but in a paperback is not, unless bought at a railway bookstall: you can buy a truss but not an athletic support - unless you are at a sportsground, when it is

permissible. After years of this nonsense the Government finally appointed a committee to recommend changes. And so they have Common sense has prevailed. The recommendation is unequivocally for removing all controls on shop hours.

The Government response to the report of its own committee seems set to heighten the absurdity vaciliation on making the change, but an unequivocal commitment to enforce the standing law. It may be the pantomime season, but we are not amused.

You claim in your leader column (December 12) that as a "solid burgher" I should behave in a different way from Mr Patel, but, race relations implications aside, we both remain, dear Sir, beraused. TERENCE CONRAN, Chairman,

Habitat/Mothercare, plc, The Heal's Building, 196 Tottenham Court Road, W1. December 13.

Taxing lump sums

From the Chairman of the Life Offices' Association Sir, Your financial leader (page 21) of December 8 can hardly be correct in suggesting that the pensions lobby appears to be offering tax on lump

sums as a sacrificial offering to persuade the Chancellor not to tax pension contributions or investment returns. On the contrary, we in the life offices believe that tax-free lump sums are an accepted and valued part of the pensions system. Millions of people have planned their

finances in expectation of a tax-free lump sum on retirement and for many of these people it represents their only opportunity of ever having a capital sum. Lump-sum benefits play an important role in the country's economy by providing start-up capital for new businesses and by

facilitating reorganisation of a older workers and open up new jobs for younger people. A change in the rules could affect a vast number of people; there are over 11 million employees entitled to a lump sum on retirement.

including a very large number of civil servants and employees in the public sector who have no option of taking pension benefits in place of a lump sum. To tax the lump sums of these people who have planned for their

old age, and in many cases entered into financial commitments, in expectation of the lump-sum benefits would be totally inequitable Yours faithfully,

M. H. FIELD, Chairman, The Life Offices' Association, Aldermary House, Queen Street, EC4. December 10.

A final fling

From Mr Victor Ross

Sir, Marghanita Laski's article (December 6) reveals a flaw in the OED's definition of Torschlusspanik. This should read "panic at the thought that a door . . . may be about to be shut" rather than that "a

door has shut". There is a significant difference: the panic is about squeezing through the shutting door, not about contemplating opportunities irre-

This is demonstrated by the typical, I am inclined to say, exclusive use of the expression in a sexual context, to describe the alarm of middle-aged persons who believe that the time for sexual conquest is running out. It is during *Torschluss*panik that elderly men are said to chase young girls and mature women's thoughts turn to boys.

Far from being, in the OED's sense, a form of desperate resignation.

nation, Torschlusspanik is a great spur to ill-judged action. "Last-fling syndrome would be a better definition than the wordy one quoted by Miss Laski.

As to Torschlussfreude, a word she makes up, this now acquires an entirely different meaning - the elation that comes with bolting before the stable door is shut. Yours faithfully.

VICTOR ROSS, Worten Mill, Great Chart.

Near Ashford,

December 9.

From Professor E. H. Sondheimer Sir, With reference to Marghanita Laski's entertaining article, in Germany - at least in former, more conventional, times - "life's opportunities" meant something quite specific.

Torschlusspanik was simply the fear of an ageing maiden that she would fail to catch her husband. Alas, the Torschlusspanik was all too often succeeded by the Torschlusskatastrophe!

Yours faithfully, E. H. SONDHÉIMER, 51 Cholmeley Crescent, N6.

December 10.

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in his report on Friday, December 7, Thatcher defied by Tory MEPs over acid rain directive". The decision to put out a statement criticising the British Government's position was described in Mr Haviland's report as unanimous. It was not I, for one, opposed it and I was not alone.

myself in complete agreement with

Julian Haviland, I am afraid his

sources of information let him down

(Conservative)

My reasons were, first, that there is no conclusive scientific evidence that emissions from power stations in the United Kingdom cause the acid rain which is alleged to damage German forests.

BRYAN CASSIDY. Constituency HQ,

White Cliff Gardens,

Blandford.



COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE December 14: Admiral Sir William Pillar had the honour of being received by The Queen on his appointment as Lieutenant-Gover-nor and Commander-in-Chief of Jersey. Lady Pillar had the honour of being

received by Her Majesty.
Mr Justice Brown had the honour of being received by The Queen on his appointment as a Justice of the High Court of Justice when Her

Forthcoming marriages Mr T. S. Bittleston and Dr D. M. Webb

The engagement is announced between Tim, son of Mr and Mrs J. R. Bittleston, of Woking, and Diana, daughter of Mr and Mrs G. H. Webb, of Woking.

Mr M. S. Dymock and Miss C. J. Urquhart-Hay The engagement is announced between Marcus Seymour, youngest son of Mr and Mrs J. Dymock, of 33 Rawiri Street, Gisborne, New Zealand, and Charlotte Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs Donald Urquhart-Hay, of 2A Sefton Street, Wellington, New Zealand.

Mr D. L. Edgar and Miss C Wilson The engagement is announced between Donald, son of Mr and Mrs The engagement is

Kirby A. Edgar. of Orange. California, and Carol, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs George Wilson, of Eding, Aylesbury Road, Princes Risborough, Buckingham-

Lieutenant A. N. Handyside, RN, and Miss J. A. Eccles The engagement is announced between Alex, only son of the late Mr and Mrs N, Handyside, of Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne, and Janet, only daughter of Mr and Mrs R. P. Eccles, of Bradford-on-

Tone, Somersel.

Mr N. Hawkins, and Miss S. Weedon

The engagement is announced hetween Nicholas, only son of Mr Kenneth Hawkins, OBE, DFC, and Mrs Joyce Hawkins, of Wokingham, Berkshire, and Stephanie, eldest daughter of Mr David Weedon, of Saffron Walden, Essex, and the late

Mr M. Thomas and Miss S. Cadell

The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr and Mrs D. L. Thomas, of Thorpe Bay, and Selina, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Cadell, of Highgate

Birthdays

73; Mr Oscar Niemcyer. 77; Miss Edna O'Brien, 48; Viscount Tren-

QC, 57; the Hon Peter Dickinson, 57; Major G J Graham-Green, 78; Sir Jasper Hollom, 67: Lord Margadale, 78: Mr J H F Monahan, 72; Vice-Admiral Sir Charles Norris, 84; Air Chief Marshal Sir Huhert Patch, 80; Sir Victor Princhett. 84; Lieutenant-General Sir David Scott-Barrett, 62; Sir John Thompson, 77; Miss Jacqueline Thwaites, 53; Miss Liv Ullman, 46; Dr Jan van Loewen, 83,

property mostly to his widow. Mr Robert Whipp, of Woodley, Greater Manchester, company director, left estate valued at £820,032 net.

Internationale, attended by Mr Brian McGrath, arrived at Heath-row Airport, London this afternoon in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight

from Switzerland.

By command of The Queen, the viscount Long (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London this afternoon upon the departure of The King of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and bade farewell to His Majesty on babil of Her Majesty behalf of Her Majesty.

The funeral service for the Hon Mrs his appointment as a Justice of the High Court of Justice when Her Majesty conferred upon him the honour of Knighthood.

The Duke of Edinburgh, President of the Federation Equestre

The luneral service for the Hon Mrs. Estelle Emily Spencer Ashe, only surviving daughter of the late Baron Kingsale and Ringrone, will take place at St Mary's Church, Charlbury. Oxfordshire, at 11 o'clock on Tuesday, December 18.

Mr S. C. Yeadon Miss J. A. Rosser

The engagement is announced between Simon, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Tony Yeadon. of Queens Park. Bournemouth, and Julie, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Jeff Rosser,

Mr G. McNeill and Miss S. C. S. Ryan

The engagement is announced and the marriage will take place in Australia between Gregory, younger son of Daniel and Rosemay McNeill, of Melbourne, and Sarah, eldest daughter of Colonel and Mrs Ultan Ryan of London.

Marriages

Mr S. E. Prior-Palmer and Lady Julia Lloyd George

The marriage took place yesterday in Winchester Cathedral of M Simon Prior-Palmer, son of the late Major-General G. E. Prior-Palmer and of Lady Dorcen Prior-Palmer, and Lady Julia Lloyd George, and Lady Julia Lloyd George of daughter of Earl Lloyd George of Dwyfor and of Ruth Countess Lloyd George of Dwyfor, The Rev Ian Tomlinson officiated.

Tomlinson officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Viscount Grimston, Henry Hughes, James Hanbury, Hector Fleming and Megan Fletcher. Mr Mark Nicholson was best man. A reception was held at Apple-shaw House, near Andover, and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

M P. H. R. Daviron and Miss C. S. H. Robertson

The marriage took place in Napa Valley, California. on Friday, November 23, between M Pierre Daviron and Miss Christian

Mr J. E. Gilber and Miss J. G. Tucker

The marriage between Mr John Engels Gilbey and Miss Janet Grace Tucker took place on Friday, December 7, 1984, and was followed by a service of blessing at St Mary's Church, Great Dunmow, conducted by the Rev John

TODAY: Mr David Abell, 42: Lord Acton. 77; Sir Denis Barnes, 70; Mr Michael Bogdanov, 46; Lord Croham, 67; Lord Dunpark, 69; Air Marshal Sir John Fitzpatrick, 55; Miss Ida Haendel, 60; Mr Gunnar Haendel, 60; Sir Henry Hardman Hagglof, 80; Sir Henry Hardman, 79; General Sir Frank Kitson, 58; Dr Una Kroll, 59; SirEugene Melville.

Harold Bailey, 85; Mr N C Blamey, 70; Mr F R Brown, 73; Mr Arthur C Clarke, 67; Judge Myrella Cohen,

Latest wills

Mr Leonard John Milne, of Westminster, London, left estate valued at £2,324,274 net. He left his

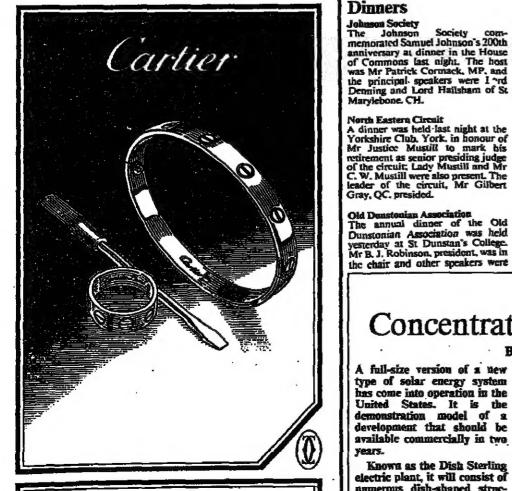
Latest appointments Latest appointments include:
Mr Ranald MacLean, QC, to be a
member of the Council of Tribunals
for three years from January 12,

Mr G. P. Newbery. Master of Brandeston Hall, Suffolk, to succeed Mr D. R. Paul as Master of Hurstpierpoint College . School from September 1985.

the Royal Horicultural Society's garden at Wisley, Surrey, since 1969, to be director general of the society from January I next year.

Eton College

Michaelmas Half at Eton College closes today. There are Ill boys leaving, including the captain of the school J. P. S. Whyatt, KS, and the captain of the Oppidans, M. J. Drake, OS. Mr M. A. Nicholson is retiring from the staff after 37 years' service. In the final of the Forman's defeated Mr R. O. Quibell's in the final by four goals to two, thereby retaining the cup for the third year. School opens for the Lent Half on January 15.



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Frank Hellner

Universal plea for tolerance

the history of all peoples when the very fate of the nation hangs precariously in the balance between survival and extinction; when the destiny of future generations depends, sadly, upon the result of the sword

rather than the ploughshare. Remembrance Sunday, celebrated last month, commemorates such an event in the modern history of the western world. Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights, commemorates such an event in the ancient history of the Jewish people.

On the twenty fifth day of the Hebrew month of Kisley, beginning at sunset on Tuesday - festival to have been forgotten. and continuing for eight days, Jews throughout the world will usher in the festival of Hanukkah, a holiday which commemorates the Jewish struggle and eventual achievement of religious independence from the despotic rule of the Seleucid (Syrian-Greek) Empire over the land of Judea, more than twenty-one hundred years ago.

This, familiar story of the courage and heroism of Judas Maccabaius and his small band, armed with little more than their own religious zeal and determination to practice their faith, is, indeed, the cause celebre of every people still living under the oppressive yoke ofspiritual and physical

enslavement.
It was on twenty fifth Kisley,
165 BC, that the small guerrilla army, led by the Maccabees, regarded control of the Temple mount in Jerusalem from the occupying powers, cleansed it of defilement from pagan worship and rededicated it to the warship of the God of

Luncheons

A luncheon of the Master's Club was held at the Oval yesterday. The toast of the Master was propose by Mr J. Ariott and others present

WETE, The Barrions, Sir Alexander Durie, Str. Ceorge Edwards, Cod. Mr. C.S. Ellott, Mr. A. George Edwards, Cod. Mr. C.S. Ellott, Mr. A. Br. Cod. Rev. C. S. Ellott, Mr. A. Br. Cod. Rev. C. S. Ellott, Mr. A. Br. Cod. Rev. Art J. Hobbs, T. C. S. Ellott, Mr. J. Ames, Mr. J. Hobbs, Jnr., and Mr. J. Mercer.

stitution of Highways and

Master's Club

Dinners

Johnson Society
The Johnson

The Johnson Society com-memorated Samuel Johnson's 200th

North Eastern Circuit
A dinner was held-last night at the
Yorkshire Club, York, in honour of
Mr Justice Mustill to mark his
retirement as senior presiding judge
of the circuit, Lady Mustill and Mr
C. W. Mustill were also present. The
leader of the circuit, Mr Gilbert
Gray, QC, presided.

Old Dunstonian Association
The annual dinner of the Old
Dunstonian Association was held
yesterday at St Dunstan's College.
Mr B. J. Robinson, president, was in
the chair and other speakers were

heroic valour of the Maccabees nor the bravery on the field of battle that Jewish tradition chose to emphasize in retelling the story to firture generations. When the rabbis of the Talmud asked the question: "What is Hanukkah?" it was asked neither in bewilderment nor in

ignorance. Unlike the biblical festivals, the precise origin of Hanukkah was not obscured by antiquity. Between the events which had led up to the first Hanukkah and the time of the rabbis, only a few hundred years had elapsed hardly enough time for the meaning and origin of the

Rather, the question wasposed-rhetorically-by the sages of Israel in order to enable them to introduce into the aiready miraculous: account of the victory of the "few over the many", yet another miracle: "the miracle of the lights".

Accordingly, when the Maccabees regained control of the Temple and had cleansed it, they discovered that all the cruses of oil; used by the priests for keeping alight the ancient candelabrum, had been defiled, all save one. That one cruse of oil ordinarily, would have been sufficient to burn for one day. instead, according to the legend it burned for eight days, enough new supply of pure oil, thus the reason given for the eight-day. While recognizing the

necessity for military might at . later generations attempted to play down the military means. by highlighting the religious ends. The spiritual expressions of the event, as depicted by the However, it was not the miracle of the lights, was given

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Thoroughbred price: A bronze of a leaping horse by the

Dutch sculptor, Adrien de Vries (1560 - 1626), which was

sold at auction in Paris for 9.2 million French francs

(£800,000), the highest price ever recorded at an art

auction in France. Vries trained in the workshop of

Giovanni da Bologna and made a successful career at the

court of Emperor Rudolph II in Prague. The horse had

remained in the same family since the seventeenth

glory of war be remembered as solstice, when the sun is at its the focal point of the story but furthest point from earth and rather the eternalness of God's truth and the message of the divine right of man to be free. The Maccabean victory thus

attested to the triumph of the God of justice and compassion over Baal-Zeus, a testimony to the vindication of righteousness and freedom over tyranny. "Not by might nor by power but by my spirit" (Zech. 4:6) became the leitmonif of Hanukkah and the prophetical message associated with the festival. It is in this spirit that Hanukkah

has been transmitted from

generation to generation. Hanukkah was thus pro-claimed a festival of rediedication not only of th physical Temple but also of the spiritual ideals and values which kindled a light, dispelling darkness and restoring godliness to a world that had sought to dethrone. Him.

Hanukkah and Christmas usually coincide. This year the last night of the Jewish festival occurs on Christmas Day, and the homes of both Christians and Jews will be illuminated by That both the Christian and

Jewish festivals fall on the 25th day of the month of their respective calendars may be coincidental but the element of light, which is integral to each, is.not. It has long been recognized

by scholars that ancient festivals are not merely commemorpast. Often, newer festivals replace older ones which have lost their significance, while

appears to stand still.

OBITUARY

his old age.

a technical magazine.

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are wholly internalised; but its

dizzying effect, and scarcely yet

From 1928 onwards

berti and others in the great

century Góngora exerted a very powerful influence on all these

poets - except Aleixandre, who,

although his first book reflected the influence of these fellow

poets in their colourful juxta-

positions of words, was more

ffected by the mental liberty

offered by surrealism; but he was never simply a surrealistic poet, and he rejected this label.

Aleixandre became increas-

ingly original, seeking to express

his partially Freudian-inspired vision of what he called "the

amorous unity of the universe". His masterpeice is generally

genius.

It is understandable, therefore, how the ancients, witness sing the dimishing daylight hours, would introduce into their worship, rituals which incorporated fire and light to prolong the day.

When this ancient nature

festival evolved into what was to become Hannkkah and Christmas, the element of fire and light was retained and accomodated into the new festivals, even while their characters were significantly changed it may well be that Hanukkah and Christmas have their origins in an even older festival common to both. Today. Hanukkah and

Christmas are, of course, disinctly different. Whitever their common antecedents, they have each evolved into specific expressions of their own respective faiths. Still, they continue to share a common universal theme. Christmas is a specifically Christian festival. yet it speaks in universal accents of "peace on earth, goodwill toward men" (Luke

Hanukkah is a specifically Jewish festival, yet its intrinsic message of truth knows no one religious or racial claim. Its universal plea for tolerance and human dignity is re-echoed wherever and whenever brave men dare to cast off the shackies of bigotry and hatred and to the time, the rabbis and sages of ations of single events in the raise their eyes heavenward for the author of all goodness ad the creator of all men.

Mackintosh cabinet sold for £126,500

A Charles Rennie Mackintosh dealers, from the wonderful pensive item ever sold at auction in Scotland when it fetched £126,500 at a Phillips auction in Edinburgh on Thurs-

The stained oak cabinet is a huge piece, measuring 160 by 182 cms, and incorporates beaten brass panels by Margaret Macdonald, one of which is dated 1899.

Phillips had been estimating a price of more than £30,000 but the bidding took off. It was bought by two dealers acting in partnership. Bourne Fine Art, of Edinburgh, and London and Michael John, of London.

A design for the piece, which was made for Alexander H. Seggie, has been found among the Mackintosh papers but the cabinet itself was, until recently, unknown to Mackintosh enthusiasts, having been bought by the vendor's family 40 years ago, before Mackintosh was rediscovered as a master of twentieth century design. Mr R. L. Smith, Mr M. J. Hughes (second master) A. F. Chadwick (head of school) and Judge David Griffiths.

For the second day running, mate Christie's yesterday sold an £70,900 to acquire a large silver important bit of historic technology to Bobiner, the London of 1724.

Guild of Motoring Writers The annual dinner of the Guild of Motoring Writers was held at the Royal Automobile Club last night. Lord Strathcarron. president, presided and the guest of honour was Mr Tom Northey. Other guests included Lord Montagu of Beautieu, the Hon Gerald Lascelles and Mr Nicki Landa. Services tomorrow: Third Sunday in Advent

ST. PALL'S CATHEDRAL: HC & M 10.30: Benedicite. Sumston in 8 III., Jub. Purrell in 8 flat. Caon G Hudson: HC 11.30. Miles Erwis (Mczart). Int. O main fuk (Palita): E 315. Magnificat and Nure Dentite Outeral). In E. Agresier we had no man (ireland). In E. Agresier we had no man (ireland). In F. McCom.

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Captain A. N. Wigley, RN The Queen was represented by the Vice-Lieutenant of Dorset, MajorGeneral H. M. G. Bond, at a memorial service for Captain A. N. Wigley, RN, held at HMS Osprey, Royal Naval Air Station, Portland. The Rev Nigel Johnson officiated and the Rev Bruce Lamb read the lesson. Among those present were: Vice-admiral Str Darek Refel. Controller of the Naxy. Vice-admiral R G A Frien, RoarAdmiral D B. Barburg. Resw. Admiral Wethaler. Resw. Admiral Captain Dec. Science report

3rd Regiment Royal Horse Artillery

Officers of CDJ (Sidi Rezegh) and M Batterics. RHA held their annual reunion dinner in the Royal Artillery Mess. Woolwich, last

night. The Deputy Supreme Allied Commander Europe, General Sir Edward Burgess, was the guest of honour and Lieutenant-Colonel J. G. W. Dean presided.

Marshal of the RAF Sir Michael Beetham presented a new standard to No 100 Squadron yesterday at a parade at RAF Wyton. It was consecrated by the Chaplain-in-Chief of the RAF, the Ven G. R. Renowden. Among those present

Memorial service

Captain A. N. Wigley, RN

RAF Wyton

Concentrating the power of the sun By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

A full-size version of a new radiation, up to 28 per cent of type of solar energy system available is claimed to be has come into operation in the United States. It is the available commercially in two

Known as the Dish Sterling electric plant, it will consist of namerous dish-shaped structures which follow the Sun, capturing its energy converting it directly electricity.

According to the latest like giant radio telescopes, are reasurements of its effective-called concentrator dishes. measurements of its effectiveless in harnessing solar

converted into electricity. That would make it the most demonstration model of a efficient solar energy tech-development that should be nology developed. Three major electric power

companies in the United States, Southern California Edison, Georgia Power and the Nevada Power Company, have collaborated with the giant aerospace corporation McDonnell Douglas to perfect

The structures, which look Each is lined with 82 highly reflective mirrors that focus energy into a power conversion unit suspended over the mirrors

A single dish will generate up to 25 kilowatts of power and a plant of 2,000 dishes, producing 50,000 kilowatts, is enough to supply a community of more than 30,000 people. The key to the efficiency of the two full-scale units, which have been brought into oper-ation in California and McDonnell Donglas's test site, lie in the solar-to-electric

power conversion unit devised

and built by United Stirling of

billier.
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6.50 (Cartsimple), Rev R John Tudor.
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McStellor Church, Wi: II. Dr. J Newton;
6.30, Rev S Jordan.
CITY TEMPLE. Hothorn Vinduct Lessons
and Carcis 11. 6.30, Rev Dr B Johanson.
WESTINDASTER CHAPEL. Revisionshum.

retaining aspects of the dis- The writer is rabbi of carded festival. As such, both the Finchley Progressive Hanukkah and Christmas occur Synagogue.

cabinet became the most ex- Cottrell family inheritance at Rousham Park, near Oxford. Yesterday it was the turn of a highly unusual balance spring verge watch by Thomas Tompion dating from around 1675-

79. The price was £27,000. On Thursday at Christie's South Kensington Bobinet's had paid £62,000 (estimate £18,000-£22,000) for a silver

Important English and Continental silver offered at Sotheby's in New York on Thursday totalled £1.3 million with 16 per cent left unsold, Jacques Koopman, the London dealer, carried off the most expensive lot, a set of four Charles II silver table candlesticks at \$203,500 (estimate \$175,000-\$225,000) or

However, he let a few other buyers in on the sale on this occasion, instead of outbidding the room on all the best pieces as is his custom. A private collector spent \$85,800 (esti-\$40,000-\$50,000)

rding. ORGE'S, HANDVER SQUARE: HC Sung Euchstriet 11, Misea selette TRUDETO (Palestrine). Eternal God 11.15 the Michr. E 6.80. Rev M J. Thompson.
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ST MICHAEL'S Chester Square: HC 8.18 and 11. Capac de Berry: carole by Constalled. S. Willow Makes and Li. Capac de Berry: carole by Constalled. S. Willow Makes Glardinesser Comments of the Court Chevry Oldrayory Derendichts to D minor (Waughan Williams), Rejeice ht Le Lord always Cohn Reddring, Rejeice ht EST PAUL. E. Robert Adam Street: HC 11. Str PAUL. E. Robert Adam Street: HC 11. Str PAUL. E. Robert Adam Street: HC 11.

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THE OFFATORY, SW7: LM 7, 8, 9 and 10; HM 11. Neise Bases Planti Rejoice in the Lord Gurredit LM 12.30, 4.30 and 7; Vessers, 3.30, Nethness havin (Victoria).
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SENOR VICENTE ALEIXANDRE

height of innocent sexual passion, when he achieves the Vicente Aleixandre was born on April 26 1898 in Seville; but from 1900 until 1909, when his screnity of animals. These poems were written family moved to Madrid, he lived in Malaga - this town and the coast near it figure largely in while Aleisandro was convaleseing after an operation for the removal of a kidney. These and Aleixandre's other, later poems reject Christianity, but are his poetry. His father was an engineer. During childhood he wandered much by the sea, and made friends with the fisher-(mostly) essentially affirmatory in their pantheistic confidence men, and later with the peasants in 1972 he was to say that man will, as be put it, "rot

into Edea". from the Andalusian peasant I "In 1936", as the poet wrote, have learned, and still learn, "the Civil War broke out, and more than from any other living found me from its very beginning on the Republican side" (he published this, though Aleixandre studied law at the abroad, while Franco was still alive). "My task was not too easy in the early postwar years". he added wryly. He spoke of his University of Madrid, and obtained a diploma in business management. "But the usefulness of these studies was to be short-lived", he wrote. He was, central concern: "the inspiring successively, a journalist on a financial magazine, a lecturer in commercial law at the School of principle of the unity of the poet with the whole of creation: the

world, the man".

Allowing for his rejection of Christianity, Aleixandre's concerns are reminiscent of those of the practioner of another art, the Fernel componer Olivier Business Studies in Madrid (1920-22), and an employee of a railway company. His first signed work was a series of articles on railway economics in the French composer Olivier Messiaen: he too was obsessed All this time he was writing with birdsong and "memoires

poetry, but secretly: "I never showed anyone a line of verse of birds".

The most praised work of Aleixandre's last period was the more sombre En un vasto dominio (1962). In a Vast Dominion: in this work he before I was twenty-seven. Not understand later, out of fear of being hurt." In 1923 a severe kidney complaint assailed him, begins to face, with unique candour, the problems of old and from 1925 until 1927 he age. Gradually, as he came to accept this condition, his work lived quietly in the countryside near Madrid. became less melancholy. The poems were felt by critics to have broken through to the kind In these two years, fearful for his life, he wrote the poems of his first book, Ambito (1928), Scope. In this collection, before of difficult simplicities which are occasionally the reward for a his discovery of the work of

Siegmund Freud in 1929 - a discovery crucial to him and to lifetime's major work. When Aleixandre received the Nobel Prize in 1977 most his work - he expresses his sexual love, his repression of this in face of the terror of death, and his mystical faith in readers were surprised that it did not go to his friend Jorge Guillén, whose poetry had been the light, and in a pantheistic eteroity. The volume is very much the work of a poet whose, more translated, and was much more translated, and was much more widely accessible, as well as easier to understand. But the Nobel Committee felt that Aleixandre, unable to leave Franco Spain because of his poor health (he was a semiemotions and violent sensuality choate power were at once recognized as marking the advent of a major and original. invalid for over fifty years), had never compromised himself and it was well known that he opened his house in Madrid to room 1928 onwards Aci-xandre became a leading Mer-ary figure, close friend of Linca, Guillen, Cernuda, Salinas Al-herri and others in the poets of all persuasions in the

dark days after the war. He was privately distressed at the low quality of verse of group of Spanish poets of this generation. The seventeenth-Falangist poets, but he encouraged them as he encouraged every other poet, seeking with a noble magnanimity of spirit to unify all factions. He worked behind the scenes - never seeking acknowledgement - to obtain the release of imprisoned writers, and was more responsible than any other single person for creating the relaxed censorship of the middle and late 1960s, which led to better

Aleixandre, who was unmarried, lived in Madrid all his-adult life, but spent his summers in the town of Miraflores. de la Sierra, which figures in his works. Some of his poems have been translated in A Longing for the Light (1979); there is also a bi-lingual Poems/Poemas (1978).

In this he was not entirely

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MAJOR WILLIAM BROWN

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Indian Frontier in 1947,
Just before Independence
"Willie" Brown, aged 24, was
commanding the Gilgit Scouts,
an irregular corps responsible
for the defence of a mountainous area adjoining Afghanistan and Chinese Turkestan, which was legally part of Kashmir State but administered by a

British political Agent.

Except for about 150 Sikh and Hindu clerks, traders and artisans, the people were Muslim tubesman with bitter folk-memories of Kashmir rule in the 19th century. At Independence the political Agent was replaced by a Hindu Governor, the Scouts became willy-nilly soldiers of the Hindu Maharajah and Brown a contract officer

in the Maharajah's service.

Ten weeks after Independence, the Maharajah announced the accession of his state to India. Brown saw that the consequences would be a massacre of the Hindus and Sikhs in Gilgit and invasion by pathan the Scouts would never fire in defence of Hindu rule. fire in defence of Hindu rule. fire in defence of Hindu rule.

He therefore staged a coup d'etat. The Governor (his superior officers) was taken into protective custody: the Scouts took over the telegraph and wireless stations, and the bridge over the Indus to prevent the intervention of a Kashmir State Forces, battalion on the south bank. Brown then informed (a masterplece of diplomati meiosis), the British High countries of children intinative he had restored a ver nasty situation and saved the Governor's, it is not give to many young men of 24 so to make history.

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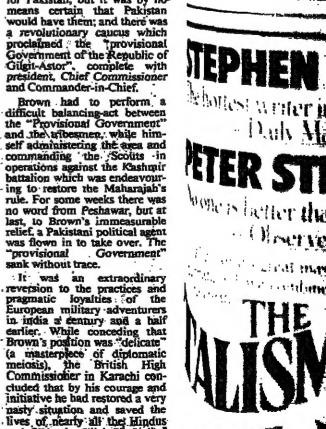
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CUEING UP FOR DRAMATIC EFFECT

Peter Waymark.

goes backstage

to experience the

nervous verve

of amateur acting

Greasepaint at the ready, the Geoffrey Whitworth Theatre is poised to launch its Christmas play, a comedy called Lord Arthur Savile's Crime, Like any amateur company it relies on the dedication of its members to turn out on cheerless nights.
One member of the cast reckons the play will cost him £50 in

They have been rehearsing since October and the first ful run-through is imminent. It is a very different cast from the one originally chosen after auditions in May. The costumes are not ready, the stage is bare of props and there is no audience to bounce the jokes off.

Advance bookings are goin well but there are costs to be met and that means getting bottoms on seats. The break-even point is 85 per cent capacity, and how many pro-fessional theatres can beast good enough, the patrons will come: it is a subtle chemistry of the right play, the right actors

Geoffrey Theatre, a square, untheatrelike building, stands in the middle of a council estate at Crayford in Kent. Whitworth is a revered name in amateur dramatics, the League (now the British Theatre Association) which, since 1919. has been the fourit of knowledge and inspiration for companies up and down the land.

Drama League came to him while he was lecturing to munitions workers at Crayford during the First World War: on an allotment in 1951. The permanent building that fol-lowed, largely paid for by raffles and jumble sales and other fund raising initiatives, was opened

by Dame Sybil Thorndike. The Whitworth does nine plays a year, one a month from October to June. Auditions are. held in the previous May and competition is fierce. A couple of years ago, when attendances were falling off, there was a move towards more popular plays; but the current repertoire is ambitious enough to include The Elephant Man and Terra Nova, about Scott's last ex-

pedition to the Antarctic. "We don't want to sound elitist", says Colin Hill, a school teacher who is directing Lord Arthur Savile's Crime "but













Curtain call: (Clockwise from top left) the Dean (Philip Fasham) reads lines; Lord Arthur (Richmond Crowhurst) learns the worst; Podgers the palmist with Lord Arthur, polishing the part; dressing up time; backstage view

draughty church halls are anarchist, pleasantly surprised when they . The pra come here?

THE PLAY

Lord Arthur Savile's Crime. & short story by Oscar Wilde, was adapted for the stage by Constance Cox in the 1950s and has been a favourite with amateur societies ever since. "We wanted something frothy

and enjoyable just before Christmas", Colin Hill explains. It is a mildly black comedy in which a young man about to be married has his palm read and is told he will commit a murder. Trying desperately to dispose of the crime before the great day. he finds that killing people is

people who think of amatelir, less easy than he thought even been acting since primary that she has ordered all relatives out, we won't make much of a dramatical as canvas chairs in with the help of a German school and it runs in the family and friends to stay away.

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The practical reason for the five of the ten characters are female and a sixth can be played by either sex Like most amateur groups, the Whitworth, has a preponderance of actresses over actors. Of the 40 to 45 players it can call on, two thirds are women.

"What we particularly lack are young men", say Colin Hill. I put this down to the fact that up to about the age of 30 men are busy trying to establish their careers, while for girls there is not quite the same pressure. After 30 it tends to even up. But since most plays have a male dominated cast, there is always

a problem. "If you are male, over 5ft 8in and your voice reaches the back of the stalls, you can more or ess name your part. But an actress who puts in two super performances can find herself in

THEACTORS

The hazard of casting so far ahead is that when the play goes into rehearsal the original choices may no longer be available. People go abroad for

the Whitworth before, including Toby Belch in a school pro- be manager of a fruit machine

tries not to think about. He has prospect terrifies her so much non-members). "Even if we sell

. - his mother was a dancer and his sister is at drama school. He popularity of Lord Arthur is that has thought of taking up the stage as a career, he may yet do

At the other end of the scale of experience is Philip Fasham, who plays the hero's uncle, the Dean of Paddington. A retired civil engineer, he has been treading the boards for six decades. "I love it", he says. "What else would I do in the

evening? The only stipulation is that they find him small parts. He is, after all, nearly 83. Alan Goodwin is the deputy head of Colin Hill's school and only took up acting 18 months ago. He was reared on music hall comics like Albert Modley, Dave Morris and Norman

Evans but had no idea of being a performer himself until Hill talked him into it. He started in Hobson's Choice, where his North country accent came in handy, and went on to The Taming of the Shrew. the following season with Playing the supercitious but-

ler in Lord Arthur - and having to lose his accent - he has a part almost as big as the leading man's. Next year he takes on an even greater challenge, for it is he who has landed the Elephant Man. Of the Whitworth he says: "They are ordinary people with an awful lot of talent."

Phil Newton, an amiable sixavailable. People go abroad for footer, is the company's natural the firm or become pregnant or comedian and is perfectly cast simply cannot spare the time. as Winkelkopf, the anarchist. One woman rehearsing for Lord. He has been acting ever since he Arthur suddenly found herself can remember. It's a social switched to a characte. 25 years thing. I met my wife in amateur ounger. dramatics. I was the lunatic in Of the eventual cast three are Dracula and she was doing the teenagers who have not acted at . props." He is having a busy Christmas for, apart from Lord the leading man, 18-year-old arthur, he is the Demon King in Richmond Crowhurst, who was a pantomime. When not on spotted by Colin Hill playing Sir stage, he somehow finds time to

duction of Twelfth Night. company.

It is a big thing for the young man, who is hardly off the stage Tricia Sutton, playing Lord throughout. He knows that the Arthur's prospective mother-inproduction may stand or fall by law, the first night will be a his performance, something he particular ordeal. In fact, the

prostitute in Brendan Behan's The Hastage. In the early years she could not wait to get on the stage: no nerves at all. But as she has got older and more experienced, so she has become more aware of what can go wrong, "Still, I need fear to do it at !ail. There has to be a

stimulus. Tricia Sutton makes the point that a play only comes alive an audience. "It is especially difficult with comedy. You think you know where the laughs are going to come but you can never rely on them. Every audience is different."

SETS AND COSTUMES

Even amateur productions are

not cheap. Lord Arthur is budgeted at £550 and, when royalties have been paid, will probably come out at about £700. The set is being built, under a master's guiding hand, by local schoolchildren, but to simulate a Victorian drawing room in Grosvenor Square means not just walls and a door but substantial furnishings - a Chesterfield; several chairs, an Indian carpet and velvet cur-

These are being hired from a firm in Putney and will account for the greater part of the bill some £400. The Whitworth has a wardrobe department - racks of dresses and army uniforms, sundry wigs, hats and shoes and drawers marked "boleros" and "ladies" nightshirts". But it usually hires a set of costumes, in this case from the Mercury Theatre at Colchester.

The economics of a production are determined by the size of the theatre (150 seats), the number of performances (usually seven) and ticket prices (£1.90 for members, £2.40 for

and friends to stay away.

Sher first, appeared at the frankly the difference between we ever lost our liquor licence, we would be right up the creek".

FIRST RUN-THROUGH

cold Monday evening in November and ice is already forming on the parked cars. Inside it is not much warmer the heating is off - and people sit huddled in anoraks and scarves and thick jumpers. Perhaps they are thinking they could be snugly at home in front of the telly. But the show must

There is less than a fortnight to curtain up and tonight is the first full run-through. After weeks of work the moment of truth has arrived: lines are muffed, entrances missed and an umbrella which is supposed to open sticks at the vital moment. Colin Hill calls the cast together.

"It's a lot zippier but we still need to take five minutes off it." He tells the leading man to project himself more: "Get those shoulders back, Rich". He tells everyone to show more reaction when they are being spoken to and not to be afraid

to send their characters up.
Into the second half and as the evening wears on the strain their best after a day's work. The prompter is kept busy. Phil Newton, the anarchist, suddenly ad-libs a line about Arthur Scargill and reduces the leading man 10 giggles.

It is 10.30 pm before they are through. The play's Lady Clementina Beauchamp puts on her crash helmet and prepares for a 10-mile journey home on her motorcycle. The others soon drift away; they will be back on Wednesday and Friday and Sunday. "Minor chaos", says Colin Hill, "but let's put it down to the hypothermia."

FINAL*REHEARSAL*

Tomorrow is opening night and in 12 days the transformation is remarkable. It is not just the addition of the set and the costumes: the cast is polished and confident; or at least this is the impression they give. Quoting the old theatrical maxim that a bad dress rehearsal means a good first

frightened it is going so well. There are the odd fluffs and a bomb that is supposed to be smoking isn't ("OK, it will be ducer). They are short of one do by taking up cues quickly.

As the curtain comes down on the first act someone notices nasty looking stain. A "Is that paint dropped down the curtain?" "Terrific, just what we need." "Don't think it's paint." "Perhaps it's the grain." "It feels damp." "It's paint." "No,

it's just wet." The crisis passes.
The cast takes its bow to the empty seats out front and Colin Hill jumps up on stage for a few tomorrow, thank goodness. You have worked hard and you have deserved it. You are going to night. Philip Fasham says he is make a lot of people happy.

Though the production has tightened up. Hill still thinks the opening could be crisper. "Do try to hit the customers tomorrow", shouts the pro- early on. There is a lot you can - a copy of The Times for Lastly: "If you make a mistake, 1890. But the umbrella opens for goodness sake go straight on. And if in doubt, mumble."

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The playful antidote to British reserve

There are some 18,000 amateur theatre companies in the United Kingdom, performing straight plays, musicals from Sondheim to grand opera, pantomime, cabaret and music hall. Many groups are more than 100 years old; while in this century the biggest expansion occurred just after the two world wars.

In England alone, according to a survey by the Central Council for Amateur Theatre, attendance at amateur performances is about 1.5 million a year. The total membership of amateur groups is estimated at nearly 500,000, of which 260,000 are actors, 135,000 backstage or front of house staff and the remainder associate members.

At the top of the pyramid is the Little
Theatre Guild, comprising companies like
the Geoffrey Whitworth which own their

and church halls. The local point for the drama side of amateur theatre is the British Theatre Association at 9 Fitzroy Square, London

books on theatre in the world - more than 250,000 items - and it is a mine of information on when plays were first performed, who holds the rights and so on. Based on requests made to the

association's library, the most popular plays currently include: Confusions (Alan Ayckbours), Habeas Corpus (Alan Beanett), The Cherry Orchard (Chekhav), Plaza Suite (Neil Simon). The Real Plaza Stitle (Neil Stmon), The Reta Inspector Hound (Tom Stoppard), Lord Arthur Savile's Crime (Oscar Wilde/Cons-tance Cox), Under Milk Wood (Dylan Thomas), Abigail's Party (Mike Leigh), The National Health (Peter Nichols) and An Inspector Calls (J. B. Priestley).

The leading body for groups primarily concerned with musical productions is the theatres. Other venues range from pro-fessional theatres, which are often used for National Operatic and Dramatic Association (NODA) at 1 Crestfield Street, London WC1 (01-837 5655). The budget the staging of mosicals, to village, school London WC1 (01-837 5655). The budget into the English-speaking world. The for a musical, particularly if it is put on in a professional theatre can be as much as £20,000; and amateur groups are the transformed."

W1, (01-387 2666). Its library claims to country's biggest employer of professional house the largest collection of plays and musicians in orchestra pits.

The most popular musical for amateurs is The Merry Widow, despite its demanding score and need for good voices. Gilbert and Sollivan is always well received and more recent standards include Oklahoma!, My Fair Lady and Fiddler on the Roof.

Amateur drama has been an important breeding ground for professional actors. The late Leonard Rossiter, who did not start acting until he was 28, got his chance with an amateur company in Lancashire. Diana Quick and Michael Gambon both acted at the Geoffrey Whitworth before

going on to national prominence.

But for the vast majority it is simply a relaxation. Bill Whitebread, vice-president of NODA and a performer in musicals for 37 years, says it is a peculiarly British thing. "The amateur movement is stronger in the UK than anywhere else and it has fed



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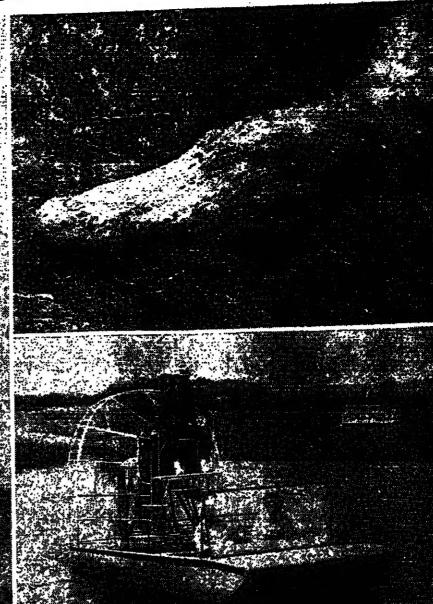
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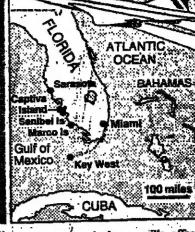
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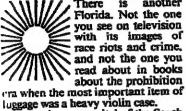












True, the sun capital of the South leas its problems still, coping with the influx of Cuban and Haitian refugees, and the violent offshoots of thriving narcotics trade. But Miami is smartening itself up more than somewhat, as Damon Runyon would have said, and the west coast of the state is being rapidly developed as a chic holiday beat.

It is a long way to go: 4,900 miles to the southernmost territory of the United States, where the highest point above sea level is said to be only 26 feet, and much of the "land" lisappears beneath the Everglades, a wamp teeming with wild-life across which a slow-moving mass of fresh water drifts to the Gulf of Mexico.

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Shedding excess wallet fat in Florida Paul Routledge discovers that true luxury consists of a flight on Concorde

followed by an exploration of an exotic and exclusive archipelago anyway. Concorde is a different order of

air travel, and this is how you can tell even from the ground. The citizen of Miami is pretty blase about aeroplanes. With more than a thousand flights a day through his airport, he has good reason to be. But he still drives out in his hundreds, with the kids and Mom in the back, to park near the runway for a brief glimpse of the pride of British engineering on take-off.

must be resisted, up to a point

There I go with the chauvinism. Concorde brings on an unexpectedly vigorous attack of the complaint. It manifests itself in an irrepressible desire to brag about British technology to American fellow passen-gers. They cheerfully put up with it, agreeing that it is "one helluva

And that's not just because they are a captive audience. Riding is better than watching, naturally. It is shameless luxury, from the Buck's this traveller at least, it is the chilled and drunk from glasses cooled on dry ice, of course) before

In between, there is food and wine the like of which you would hesitate strong. In the interests of fairness, it to waste on lunch with a politician,

even if he does come up with the story. Fresh Maine lobster washed down with Puligny Montrachet 1980 ... you know the kind of thing, they

don't mess about up there.

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But your eyes flick repeatedly back to that oversized digital watch that flicks up and down with the speed - 2.1 Mach, then 2.0,1.9, back up to 2.1 as if it were Russians marking an American iceskater. Irrationally, I felt mildly cheated when the Machmeter tripped below two. Peering out through the tiny porthole, vou can cleany curvature of the earth, while above

is the dark blue fringe of space. Fortunately, Florida hoteliers are making a very big effort to convince you that you haven't actually come down to earth with a bump. The first thing you get after checking into your room at the \$30m Grand Bay Hotel, Miami, is a bottle of champagne, courtesy of the manage-ment. What to do with it after six hours of life a la Concorde is another

I gave mine back to the waiter on condition he showed me how to operate the drive-in movie masquerading as a television set in the corner of the room. My suite was one of those simple things, just the one storey - unlike some of the two-floor numbers decked out like the pad of a Sultan. You could be welcoming your wife on the sixth floor while your valet ushers your girlfriend out on the seventh.

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Wooded paths lead to the top of the Buda Hills, as does the

Pioneer Railway. It's worth letting the train take the strain

just to see the way it's manned. The smart station-

masters; signalmen and conduc-tors are all children - awarded

their jobs on a fortnightly rota in return for good schoolwork.

Only the engine-drivers are

Near the last station, in open

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Coming practically straight from the miners' picket-line (covering the strike you understand) it was culture shock in Coconut Grove. And there was more, a lot more, to come. The Americans are a very open people. They like you to see everything. So, it is straight out on Highway 4! to the west coast, where

Mention the "Keys", and most people think of the string of islands that tail out into the Gulf of Mexico south of Florida, ending in Key West, where the Cuban expatriates can almost spit in Castro's eye. But the less well-known archipelago that runs up the other side of the state is making a discreet bid for the right

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Reagonomics come to shed some of

the excess wallet fat.

kind of tourist. First port of call is Marco Island, on the coastline where the publicists in the next county promise "no native unrest here It's not surprising, they can't afford to stay overnight. A penthouse suite at the Marriott will set you back \$650 a night in the high season - January to March, when the rich refugees trek

south for the sun. And what do they talk about in the 15-scat affresco jacuzzi? Business, of course. But they fish too, and the flora along much of the three-mile white beach is protected.

Nature conservancy is very much a theme of these up-market holiday centres. Further up the coast are the islands of Sanibel and Captiva, where the J. N. "Ding" Darling 5,000 acre nature reservation provides a parties of the provider of the parties. vides nesting grounds for herons, egrets, pink flamingo, and roseate spoonbills. Other exotic species that have reservations here include the Well-Heeled Tourist; he doesn't have to leave the comfort of the harbourside bar to indulge an interest in wild life - the manages surface regularly in the yacht basis.

Further out to sea, the American dream of riches and success finds its perfect expression on Userpa island. The entire 100-acre island is a private club: entrance fee \$5,000 with annual dues of \$480, That initial investment allows you to make an occasional landfall, and to rent one of the charming cottages for up to a fortnight. And, after discreet inquiries into your social and financial standing (six-figure annual salary, minimum), you might just be able to buy a property. Only one home was on the market during our

at \$415,000.

Many of the Florida keys have a fascinating history, if occasionally of somewhat dubious provenance, and Useppa is no exception. First settled by the Caloosa Indians about 3.500 BC/it came into the hands of a local pirate José Caspar about 1765. Here he imprisoned his favourite mistress Joseffa de Mayorca, and the island's present name is thought to be a present name is thought to be a corruption of her name. A Chicago rectear tycoon bought Useppa in 894. "attracted by her high elevation and lush tropical vegetation". The island reaches a height of 35ft above sea level, positively Himalayan by Florida standards.

However, you should watch your step on Useppa Quite literally. Otherwise (like me) you will fetch up in Fort Myers Community Hospital after falling into a sandpit: the island has more of them than it has thoughtful hosts. The ambulance bill alone is \$155, and not even the attentions of Dr Carver compensate If you have to convalence, there

can be few better places to do it that, the Longboat Key Club has further morth on the fringe of Sarasota Bass.

This is the site of yet another luxury. resort, private club and residential community developed and operated by the Arvida Corporation. The club (of which you become a temporary member for rates varying from \$80 to \$325 a night) is within a wildlife sanctuary, and egrets patrol the beachfront ceaselessly.

turrets. The whole scene is

So, too, is the folkdancing

that continues apace throughout

the year and is therefore a

regular part of any packaged winter break. The useful thing

about the organized tours is that you have an English-speaking

guide to show you round. Ours

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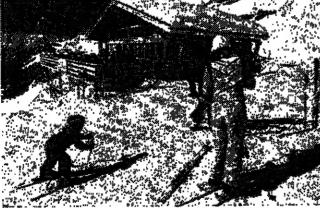
Off-piste rewards without

ups is a capacious niche in the travel/leisure industry. Flying and motor sports clubs have long exploited the region where thrills demand skills, and now winter sports holiday operators are beginning to offer more than bed, board and someone to sort out ski hire and lift tickets.

the risks

When skiing was a pastime of the wealthy, and indeed where it still is, private guide instructors were and are the norm. But at 170 Swiss francs a day, the rate for a sought-after guide in Zermatt last season, they are well above the means of the average packaged skier. Ski school, one answer for

those who do not want to ski alone and hope to improve their technique, is too regimented and restricting for many people once they have mastered the basics. So specialist skiing operators introduced ski guides to familiarize their guests with the resorts. Recently the bait has become even more interesting with coaching in advanced



learner at Val d'Isère

skiing techniques (Peter Stuyvesant Travel), off-piste powder skiing weeks (John Morgan), and learn to heli-ski holidays Skiing in North Taking a different tack, the

French tour operator Club Mediterrance set off in another direction last season with a skiing excursion called La Transtarentaise. I sampled this eight-day thrash round the edges and through the middle of eight well known resorts in the French Alps - Val d'Isère, Tignes, La Plagne, Les Arcs, Courchevel, Meribel, Les Courchevel, Meribel, Les Menuires and Val Thorens and enjoyed the skiing hugely.

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The average age of the group of journalists I skied with was noticeably younger than that of the parallel party of mainly French skiers who had been typical, we were told, of the middle aged clientele this holiday attracted last season. Our guide for the week, Patrick Chauvin, had a happy knack of inspiring such confidence at weak moments that I found myself following him obediently down the sort of slopes I would have baulked at in other

A week of blazing sun was a bonus, even if it meant that much of the off-piste territory we skied over was anything but untracked virgin snow. This was ski touring in luxury. There were plenty of early starts, and long lunches which allowed the legs to revive or die, depending

on what effect stopping has on

The baggage led a life of its own, being transported between overnight stops by unseen means, and only twice in the week did we have to take off our skis for a short bus ride between resorts. Accommodation in Les Arcs and La Plagne was in the clubs: in Tignes and Les Menuires shared rooms in typically cramped modern ski norm. Food enjoys a high priority in the Club Med priority scheme of things and it was good.

The feeling of covering the country on your own two feet was good too, and there were many of those moments on the of mountains when one stood in solemn awe of the beauty of the scene.

Shona Crawford Poole



This season Club Meditérrance ha

three "Circuitski" routes, La Transtarentaise, La Vanoise (Les Trois Vallées, Les Arcs and La Plagne), and Les Cimes de l'Isère, (Tignes, Val d'Isère, Les Arcs and La Plagne). L Transtarentaise costs from £471 inclusive of train from Paris, transfers, accommodation, meals, lift passes, guide, baggage transfers and use of Club u alianers and user of cuto Mediterranee's facilities and entertainment in the resorts. Further details are available from Club Méditérranee, 106-108 Brompton Road, London SW3 (581 4766) Peter Struvescant Traval 25 4766). Peter Stuyvesant Travel, 35 A/fob. Peter Stayvesant Travel, 30 Alfred Place, London WC1 (631 3278). John Morgan Travel, Macn House, College Street, Petersfield, Hampshire (0730 68621). Powder Skiing in North America, 61 Donerale Street, London SW6

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who dominated their neighbours for more than 200 years that the Hungarians acquired their taste for rich food. They merely added paprika and garlic. Strings of those, bright red and white, festoon every market stall - yet the restaurant cuisine can be surprisingly bland. I would have relished more seasoning and less cream and fat. Hungarian wines, though are good; service is quick and attentive; while the inevitable but vibrant gipsy music makes dining out as

It was from the Austrians

cheerful as it's cheap. For British visitors, every-



Opera tickets, for example, start at 15p rising to £3.30 for the est seat at a gala performance. In September, the Opera House celebrated its centenary and reopened after four years of painstaking restoration. The marble staircase, carved oak doors and velvet, burgundy seats revive the era and aura of opulence: a fit setting for the stylish operas, ballets, concerts

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For charm and beauty, the only place that surpasses this corner of Budapest is Szentendre, a small town 12 miles up the Danube. On all the tourist itineraries. Szentendre is. a higgledy-piggledy collection of Baroque churches and pink and yellow houses, seemingly frozen in the 18th century. Indeed, the

Bon Voyage



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main square

But communism in Hungary hasn't the grim aspects west-erners tend to associate with life behind the Iron Curtain. The hotels are luxurious, the streets shiny with flashing billboards. Nobody is at the Museum of the History of the Hungarian Working Class; they are all in the cases or bookshops, letting off steam in the Turkish baths

or skating in the park. Go there in the morning when the lake is not so crowded and it's easier to hire skates.
Toddlers in gaudy bobble-hats
skid and tumble round the ice; in the background, rising from the banks, is Castle Vajdahunyad - a folly of domes and

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imparted some fascinating information. Did you know, forinstance, that Tony Curtis was Hungarian? Or that there are a hundred hot springs in Budapest? In one respect, at least, these must be singularly effective. The hippos - who use the thermal pool in the zoo - breed

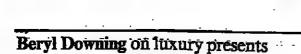
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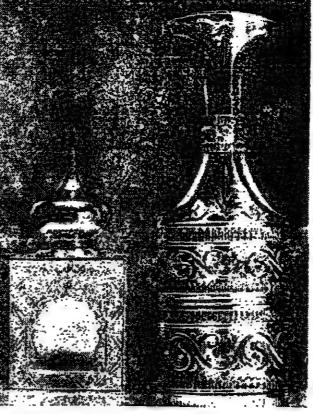
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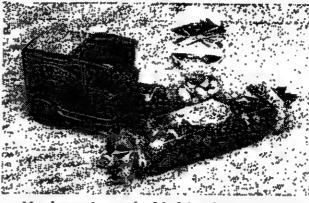
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spilling out of restaurants testify.

lunches". With this in mind, we look at assorted venues for that impromptu meal

The organized office-party is only the tip of a vey large iceberg in terms of Christmas celebrations. It is also the time for old friends or business contacts to give each other lunches and dinners as the "end of term" spirit provokes an almost hysterical urge to make

A simple solution to finding a table at short notice, especially given the flexible time-keeping which tends to develop around now, is to escape the central area for less frenzied fringes. The functional-sounding, but

pleasant Filling Station Bistro is a good example of what can be found with a little travel, With a bistro on the

ground-floor and a downstairs wine bar, it has a cosy atmos-phere despite its simple furnishings.

The menu is straightforward bistro - just what you could turn out at home, really, but well-executed and, in the main, reasonablypriced. Starters include the modish fritters

with redcurrant jelly, a chicken liver and walnut pate, courgettes stuffed with mince and onions and a pleasant bacon and spinach salad. The main courses follow

similar cuisine bourgeoise lines - good rack of lamb with rosemary and garlic (£5.25), whole poussin stuffed with thyme (£4.50), a couple of steaks, escalope and a rather ordinary cod steak, companying vegetables are wellcooked - sprouts, courgettes, roast potatoes - but £1.30 per selection seems a bit steep. Otherwise, expect a bill for about £10 a head.

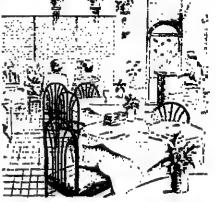
In the same area, but a notch or two higher in quality and price, Carlo's Place offers a plant-festooned window, an array of cuckoo clocks and a curious network of goldcoloured ceiling pipes as testi-mony to its distinctive but homely style. A set lunch is Otherwise, sit back in the

cosy, atmospheric dining-room this is the season of "festive and enjoy such strapping dishes as côte de porc hongroise (with cream and paprika, £5.95), carre d'agneau au roquefort (£6.95), roast guinea-fowl or duck with

ginger,

For a cheerful Italian lunch,
Romano's in Maida Vale is
usually a good bet. Recently
redecorated and re-equipped (they can now serve capuccino at last), it retains its bustling efficiency, both in the kitchen and "out front". A largely familiar Italian card has the occasional flourish - Dover sole in a bisque d'homard, brandy mushroom sauce, fillet of veal with brandy, cream and

mushrooms. For those who can't escape the city centre, there are still one or two relatively unknown venues which could repay a late



booking. Frith's, a hi-tech style French restaurant in the heart of Soho, is earning itself a good reputation and though lunches are reflecting this growing popularity, evenings can be quieter,

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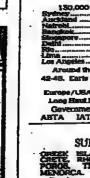
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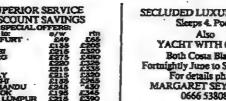


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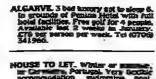
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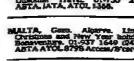
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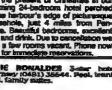
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To suit you right down to the ground

Trailing plants are invaluable for disguising the hard edges of a and will be happy for a number downwards. container or greenhouse bench, and they add depth to any arrangement. There is a wide range available, many of which demand different growing conditions, but one of the secrets of success with any indoor plant is to avoid large variations in temperature - that is why heated greenhouses are ideal.

The most suitable temperature range for temperate plants is 55-60°F, and they should not suffer a variation greater than 10°F. The temperature should not drop below 45°F, and it is better to err on the side of warmth than cold - the maximum temperature accept-

able is about 75°F.
Some of the plants to consider could include .lchimenes, called the hot water plant in allusion to its liking for warm water, It does not trail far, but will fall from the top of the basket to below the base. and flowers well throughout the

Hoyas are lovely trailing plants; they flower well and like nothing better than to be in a hanging basket, away from blade. direct sunlight, in a room or a greenhouse. The best for this a dreadful name, but it is a good situation is Hoya carnosa, which, kept well fed and moist, will grow to more than 10tt.

strands of growth and fleshy, heart-shaped leaves, It flowers fleshy pink flowers. A temperate leaves which are variegated plant, it likes to be in good light, with pale creamy yellow. This

warm but not above about 65°F will grow at least 6ft straight

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of growing seasons in a 3in pot One of the most brilliant of all trailing plants is Columnea, which produces masses of bright rich red tubular flowers in the spring. A true trailer with dense foliage habit, its dark green leaves are packed close together on the stems. Columnea Banksii is the best one to grow, liking a temperature of 60-70°F, it should be kept in light shade and during the winter months it is vital the pots are kept on the dry side. Moisture and feeding are required in the summer.

Of the many foliage plants which are good for bench edges, Tradescantia fluminensis (Wandering Jew), is a good plant, with attractive silver vari-egations on the light green leaves. Not a long trailer, it will fall about 9-10in fairly easily. The form "Quicksilver" is the best, needing good light but no overwatering. Zchrina pendula is similar to Tradescantia and mixes well with it, It has a purple reverse to the leaves and purple stripes on the upper

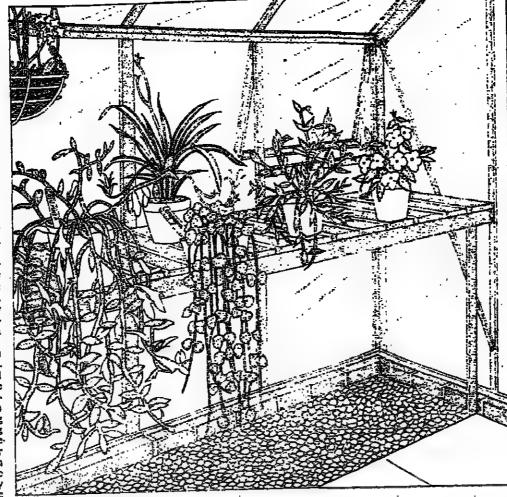
Plectranthus ocrtendahlii has trailer which produces off-white flowers in the autumn. The rounded leaves are enhanced An unusual plant is Ccropc- with veins picked out in a gia Woodii, which has very thin lighter green than the blade, and the stems are inclined to be square. I like P colcoides which in the autumn with tubular, is of the same family but has

Plants with variegated foliage which are ideal for bench edges or for the base of planted containers are the Fittonias. Fittonia argyroneura verschaf-feltii has the common name of the herringbone plant, alluding to the way the veins are picked out in a rich red. It is difficult to grow well, needing warmth and moisture in summer although by now the pots should be dried off a little. Fittonia argyroneura nana (snakeskin plant) is, as its name suggests, smaller than the type and its leaves are picked out in silver.

Spider plant is the name given to a number of plants but Clorophytum comosum variegaturn is the one usually associated with it, it has grass-like leaves which are light green in colour but with a band of gold at the centre. Leaves can grow to 18in and then arch downwards giving the whole plant a hairy look.

It is the flower stalks which make this plant different how-ever. The flowers are produced the normal way and are white, but not very eye-catching. Plantlets are formed on these flower stalks which bring the stalk down to a trailing position as they grow. In some-cases these plants can trail for 2ft or more, Regular potting on is required if the plants are to be kept in good condition; they need light and should never be allowed to become dry.

Ashley Stephenson



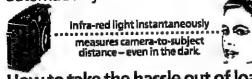
Live-in greenery: from left to right, Hoya carnosa, Columnea Banksii, spider plant, Ceropegia Woodii, Tradescantia and Achimenes

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Winter planting

Deciduous traes and shrubs lose their leaves through the winter, and it is at this time that they can be moved or transplanted. Plants which retain their leaves over the winter are best left undisturbed until the roots become active again. Preparation is important so don't just dig a hole and pop the plant in. Plants being moved at any time. Suffer from damage and the good gardener takes this into account. Check to ensure drainage is good. Gardens are usually well drained, and although their may be some surface compaction this is easily rectified. Plants respond to well aerated soils, if you dig a hole which almost immediately fills up with water this soil should be drained. Ground which has been with water this son should be drained. Ground which has been well worked for a number of years is probably in good heart and there will be less need to fortify it. Poor soils should always have wellsome should always have well-rotted farmyard manura added to the bottom spit, if farmyard manura is not available try well-rotted organic matter. Dig a hole big enough to take the roots without commission and law the roots out cramping and lay the roots out much as they were before being lifted. Fill in the soil round the roots gradually and consolidate as you; go. The plant should be a little deeper than it was in the nursery.

Winter cheer

No garden should be dull in winter There are plenty of plants which should make it a pleasure to visit a winter garden, and choosing them for their colour and form is a continuing exercise.
To attract insects and ensure they

get enough pollen, winter flowers are usually scented. But there are tions and Fatsie is one of

them.
Fatsia japonica is an evergreen shrub which could almost be classed as a small tree because it sometimes grows to 15ft, it flowers and early winter, and in late autumn and early winter, and in late autumn and early winter, and makes a good garden plant as it will produce flowers even in a lot of shade, Indeed, to do wall the plant needs shade, although it will grow passably in sunny sites as long as the ground does not get too dry. I like them to see them beneath a canopy of large trees where they have good air circulation but are protected from the midday sun. Fisporica flowered early this year Figoritical flowered early this year and is still in flower – but early frosts will attack the blooms, so they should be planted in sheltered

positions.
Soil conditions are not demanding.
In fact, I have found that this plant,
will grow in any soil except a dry
one, ideally, it should be peaty or at
least full of organic matter. It is vital
that the soil should be able to hold moisture. Individual leaves can grow to a

much as 15in and almost as lofg, and they are a rich, dark gloss green. I know no other hardy evergreen with leaves so lattle.
The white flowers of F japonics shine out from the shade of freese chine out from the shade of mea dark leaves; growing like willte drumsticks from panicles. I Figoonica can be grown at an indoor pot plant. There is also a variegated form, Figoonika variegate, with white-botthed leaves, and another variety, the aures, which has goldenmarking Plants cost about £6.50 pach.

A taste of honeysuckie

Most gardeners think of honeysuckle as a climbing plant, but the shrub varieties have much to confinend them – especially at this time of year.

Many of the shrubs are coming into flower now. Although it is normally assumed that they will tolerate the call, they can be badly affected by a hard frost.

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Site and soll conditions are most important. Soil should not be too rich - a good garden soll with added humus should encourage growth. Try to ensure the plants are stied where drainage is good. Heavy wat soils should be avoided if blants are in exposed areas; too much moisture during the winter reuch mossare ourng the whiter causes a great many plant deaths. Loncere inagrantissima provides lovely winter colour. This plant will prov up to 6th high and almost as wide. Noted for its creamy white recently different which are noted. scented flowers, which are now open, it should be sited close to a walk, on a wall or similar position Because it is a partial evergreen it should only be planted in the autumn or the spring if not in containers. L standishui is similar to Liragraetissima but does not make such a big bush and flowers a little



Winter white: Lonicera.

earlier. As a rule it is best during Fearuary and March. Lx purpusitis a bybrid between fragrantissima and standishii. It is more deciduous than either of its parents and its than either of its parents and its flowers are nearer to white than the parents, and well scented.

I nitide Baggesons Gold, is a gem. It has golden foliage which retains its colour through the winter. Small leaves on a low growing bush make it ideal for a low hedge, but it must be planted in full sun. Flowers are produced, but these are insignificant and usually seen in early summer.

early summer.
L pilesta produces low hummocks

of growth, and this makes it worthy of consideration as a ground coverer, Leaves resemble box, but it is a better shrub and has a better habit for garden situations. There are insignificant flowers in May and

None of the varieties are worth growing just for their fruit, which is usually very disappointing.
Plants will cost about £5 each, and can be obtained from Hilliers of Winchester, Notcutta of Woodbridge, Suffolk, or Bridgemere Nurseries, Bridgemere, Cheshire.

A taste for console and cold steel

The boy, nearly four, has been tables), but the ability to assess working all wick outside the proximities and orders of study door. We used to call it magnitude at speed. his "banging", but it's got rather grand of late, and now he has grand of late, and now lie has made a respectable fist of chiselling a fole in a piece of block board, and then he comes in and uses the BBC Micro: Workshop (Acornsoft) is his favourite bit of software. A near the second software is the late. idea: the screen shows "shelves" with shape on. Pick one, and the shape is surrounded by symbols for cutting, repainting, rotating, and so on: a couple of judicious pressings and he can join. dissect, drill his shape, and

return to base, before selecting enother.

I think as a neanderthal, that I most like him when he's at his proper jobs, though his thumbs now bear both the marks of sucking and of mis-aimed one-inch steel. But this computer business won't go away and, besides, I've swal-lowed all the guff about logic skills, and computer fluency.

Only goody-goody software tapes come into the house. I'm hoping not merely that the these electronic gizmos, but will also become proof against the more vulgar video-games. And so, I set them up with Learn about Bords (Goldstar) in which a loathsome (but well received) creature called Fred the Flea takes the teenies through their spelling paces.

Sounds grand, but actually it only demands that you copy the letters occurring under some rather weird pictures of "skirt", "pail", and so on. Later, if you've learned your stuff and can spell the word without prompting, you can play quite a

nearly-four-year-old enjoys (as has his sister before him: but she's keener on "real" writing at the moment) almost all the Good Housekeeping tapes. Here, Mr T (an electric splodge who waves a bit if you get things right) has his Money Box, Measuring Games, Number Games, and many more

For older children, who know closest of four answers to a multiplication sum; do it well, and the program cranks up the awkwardness. It doesn't give the correct answer as an option (that one might know from

their times tables, there's a splendid thing called Number Chaser (ASK/Acornsoft). It is a bit too arcade game in style, but has at the core of it a clever to how often you can pick the

With most of the games, the colours are lurid and the sound intrusive. Then I found the sound-off mode. But we're stuck with what may be the inevitable unsubtlety of the machinery, though I suspect it's the old predilection that people who do things for children have for screaming pink - shared by the youngsters, but not by

fogeys such as this onc.
These programmes come dear at £9.95 (Workshop and would be better used on a borrowing and reming system. quickly exhausted to warrant buying them. Though I'm delighted the kids have played. and will play, with them, they inherently ugly images on a VDU are. One never tires of blank paper and a jam jar full of pencils one rapidly tires of the monitor. Long may the boy want the feel of cold steel and

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Capital treats for children at Christmas

Two requests prompted me to hydraufic engines and on most write this column. The first was occasions exhibitions of art (it is first time, wanting to show them the capital without process". The second came in a letter from a lady returning to for her offspring.

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December, when days are short and temperatures far from mellow, and that I assume any parent visiting the city with children will know or be told about the lights, the tree in Trafalgar Square and the carols, ham Palace, Westminster Ab-bey, St Paul's and the major stores. I have chosen several outings which accompanied by sundry children. I have enjoyed

in the past two years.

Hard by Buckingham Palace are the Royal Mews where the Queen's horses and many royal and state carriages are kept. The courtyards and stables are redolent of a bygone age but as you would imagine, immaculately kept. You can see most of the carriages, landaus, (and a sledge designed by Prince Albert) at close quarters. The fold Coach is roped off and here are usually so many cople wanting to look at it that ou have to keep on the move. But the horses are magnificent all named - and may be seen to great advantage on a hoary, reath-snorting afternoon. I have always found the

coachmen and other members of staff friendly, approachable and more than happy to answer the kind of questions young children ask. There is much to see and the State Harness Room and Saddlery are as fascinating to young equestrians as the Crown Jewels to a magpie.

Talking of jewels, if you have made the almost obligatory visit to the Tower of London and if you have a head for heights. then I would suggest taking the children to the Tower Bridge Walkway whence you have unrivalled views of the Thames. Children can learn about the history of the bridge and how it functions, see steam-driven

made by my sister-in-law in a regular display area for the Yorkshire who brought her two prize-winning entries from the young children to stay for the Cadbury's National Exhibition of children's art and poetry).
There is also a museum on the completely exhausting the shoe south side of the bridge. You leather or my temper in the won't have too far to walk from there to the Museum of London where the main attractions are England after a 10-year absence. the thematic displays of Lon-She too wanted to "do" London don's history from Roman the thematic displays of Lonand asked for advice on outings, times to the present day. With models and reconstructions of rooms illustrating the city as it was in medieval. Tudor and Stuart eras, the museum pro-vides a good introduction to

The model of the Great Fire Trafalgar Square and the carols, of London, with special sound the Tower of London, Bucking and lighting effects, is always ham Palace. Westminster Abpopular with children. Nearby at the Barbican

Centre, two exhibitions have

understanding how the capital

evolved.

been mounted for the Christmas period (until January 7). both suitable for very young children. "Folk Nativities of the World" includes one hundred different crib settings (part of Countess Maria Hubert von Stauffer's impressive collec-tion). Christmas by E. J. Taylor" is an exhibition of five shop-window displays, last seen in Tiffauy's, Machattan, by an American sculptor and author of children's books who now lives in England. The tableaux depict the elves who work for Father Christmas and the toys they make. The Barbican Centre is often criticized for its poor access but it is well worth visiting and there are many

The Royal Mews, Buckingham Palace Road, SW1 (930 4832), Wed and Thurs, 2-4pm. Closed Dec 26,

Tower Bridge Walkway, EC4 (407 0922). Mon-Sat 10am-4.45pm.: Closed Dec 24-26. EC2 (600 3899). Tues-Sat, 10am-6pm, Sunday 2-6pm. Closed Dec 24-26 and Jan 1. Barbican Centre, EC2, (638 4141). 10am-late evening. Closed from 6pm Dec 23-noon on Dec 26. Science Museum, Exhibition Road,

SW7 (589 3456). Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 2.30-6pm. Test Bed: Dec 18-Jan 9, Mon-Sat, 11:30am-4.30pm. Closed Dec 24-26 and .

Natural History Museum, Cromwell Fload, SW7 (589 6323), Hours as



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areas of the Science Museum and signals and "drive" a this Christmas will be the "Test modern bus. And to coincide

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Eckersley's famous LT posters,

children can take part in poster-

have included the Maritime

Museum at Greenwich, the Collection of Historic Ships at

St Katherine Docks, a trip down

the Thames in a covered boat

with packed lunch and a video

recording of the river's history, several hours spent brass-rub-

bing medieval knights at the

London Brass Rubbing Centre.

Still rated highly with most of

the under-twelves I know is a

visit to Madame Tossaud's

where Punch and Judy shows are a traditional feature of the

outing we have been on was an

evening trip down Regent's

Canal, eating a three-course dinner, and returning with a

lunatic singer/guitarist/impres-

sionist singing "British abroad" songs and old cockney favour-

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listed in various publications, the best of which for a short

visit is probably Children's

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points and most hotels.

published by the Tourist Board (60p)

But perhaps the most popular

Christmas period.

Other highly-rated outings

painting sessions themselves.

other activities going on there during the holidays.

I hesitated before suggesting the Science, Natural History and British Museums partly because these need little introduction, and also because they are all very crowded during the school holidays. But visit them you must because they are among the best in the world.

It is worth beeding the advice given me by the director of education at the Science Museum: not to attempt to see everything but to select areas of special interest, see those and then go home. Trying to cram in too much - like a surfeit of turkey and Christmas puddingwill only cause indigestion.

Science Museum and same (437 6023), Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 2-6pm, Closed Dec 25. British Museum, Great Russell Street, WC1 (636 1555). Mon-Sat: 10em-5pm Sunday 2.30-5pm. Closed Dec 24-28 and Jan 1.

London Transport Museum, Covent Garden, WC2 (379 6344). Daily 10am-6pm. Closed Dec 25, 26. Poster workshops (book Shead) Jan 1-4, 10.30am and 2pm. National Maritime Museum, Romney Road, Greenwich (858 4422). Tues-Sat 10am-5pm. Closed

Dog 24-28 and Jan 1. Historic Ships Collection, St Ketherine Dock, E1 (481 0043) Daily 10am-5pm. Closed Dec 25 and Jan 1. London Brass Rubbing Centre, St James's Church, Piccadilly, W1 Thames Guided Tours, Tower and Charing Cross Piers (481 2711). Dally with funch or dinner, book in advance. Madame Tussaud's, Marylebone Road, NW1 (935 6861), Mon-Fri

10am-5.30pm, Sat and Sun 9.30am-5.30pm, Sat and Sun 9.30am-5.30pm. Closed Dec 25. Punch and Judy shows from today until Jan 11 throughout the day, 11.30am-3.30pm. Regent's Canal: My Fair Lady narrow boat cruises, 250 Camden High Street, NW1 (485 4433/6210). Check times and book in advance.

Ill the information was correct at: the time of going to press, his it is worth checking with the renucs before making any arrangements. visiting Trafalgar Square, the National Gallery or shopping nearby, round off the day with a visit to St Martin's to listen to the lessiah and put yourselves in a true Christmas spirit. St Martin-in-the-Fields, London WC2 (839 1538). Today, 7pm. Tickets 52-56 Tickets £2-£6.

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Outings

TWO CAROL CONCERTS: More Christmas celebration with the choirs of local schools (primary schools in the afternoon, condary in the evening) accompanied by the Roya hilharmonic Orchestra in a full

carol concert.
Fairfield Hall, Croydon (688 9291).
Today 3pm, Adult £2.50, child £1.
For the 7.45pm performance tickets are £2.£4.75.

CHRISTMAS COOKERY WORKSHOP: For children aged seven and over, the chance to make their own sweetmeats for

Geffrye Museum, Kingsland Poad, London E2 (739 8368). Today, 10am-12.30pm, 2-4pm, Free. THE CARPENTER'S WORKSHOP: A project for children and parents, with quizzes, lectures, and a musical workshop, in one of London's finest houses — with the rolling heath outside for walks before or after the workshops. Kenwood, The weagh Bequest. Hampstead Lane, London NW3 (633 2751). Daily until Feb 1, 10.30am-12.30pm and 2pm-4pm Closed Dec 22-Jan 1.

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HOLIDAY LECTURES: Designed to appeal to the cider age range of school students (12-18), several allustrated talks on medical matters given by acknowledged masters in the field at the Royal College of Surgeons, "Go Ahead Surgery" (Tues, 3pm) "The Sixth Former and Medicine" (Wed, 3pm) and "The Medical Story of Man in Space" (Jan 4, 3pm), Applications, enclosing sae 7 in x 5 in approx, to Miss L. E. Napper, Surgical Training Officer, Royal College of Surgeons, 35/43 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3PN, No Fields, London WC2A 3PN, No charge for attendance, but you must have a ticket. Refreshments

ANGELO: Just opened for the Christmas season at the Little Angel, the resident company's dramatization of the eponymous book by Quentin Blake. Charming story of a group of Italian strolling

served after the lectures.

players.
Little Angel Marionette Theatre, 14
Dagmar Passage, Cross Street,
London N1 (226 1787). Today,
tomorrow, Dec 22, 23, and Dec 26-Jan 3, 11am and 3pm. Adult £2,50 at 3pm, £2 at 11am; child £1 at 11am, £1.50 at 3pm. SEAMANSHIP WORKSHOPS:

Children with a nautical bent should make for the National Theatre next week where members of the cast of The Ancient Mariner will be teaching such skills as rope-climbing, knotting and sailors' hompipes. The workshops are in the Olivier stalls loyer on Mon, Tues and Thurs at 11.15am. There is no charge but numbers are limited and admission is by ticket. Information: 01-633 0880. Judy Froshaug

Day of hot mulls and champagne

Friends and family seem to outside France. At £2.39, it is a spend more time at Christmas good buy. swapping jokes from crackers than assessing the quality of the wine they drink, so I would rather get lots of good, reasonably priced drinks than buy fewer of the finest and rarest bottles.

Hot mulled wine is a good Christmas morning tipple and simple to make. Take a pinch each of cloves and mixed spice. several slices of orange lemon, sugar to taste, plus half a glass of brandy or port for every bottle of modestly-priced, fullbodied red wine. Heat gently. finish unlike the lean austerity making sure the mull doesn't

A really good Christmas Day

aperitif is my one exception to the "more but cheaper" ap-proach. A glass of cold champagne always goes down well with neighbours on Christmas morning. This year's crop of good, inexpensive own-label bubbly includes Sainsbury's

flowery Dry Champagne (£5.95), Waitfresh rose's (£5.95) and the loasty. full-Charles Brut £5.95) that did so well at our recent Christmas wine

about to arrive for lunch, you can either continue with the h an aperitif and first-course wind

With guests

tasting.

Character Amoroso. Sherry is a much maligned fortified wise these days but a fine, old, sweet oloroso such as the amber-gold Character with its classic rich, nutty taste is a real treat. As it contains sherry drawn from a solera laid down in 1895, it is a tremendous bargain buy £3.69 from Oddbins.

If you would rather start with

or switch to Sandeman's

a dry wine than sherry, Oddbins also have an excellent Chardonnay from Italy's north-eastern Alto Adige region - home of some increasingly impressive wines. This '83 Altesino Chardonnay comes from the house of Lageder and has a pale gold colour backed by the rich pineappley flavour so characteristic of young Chardonnay from

Chianti is a robust red whose

high acidity and definite flavour should cut through all the rich Christmas stuffings and complicated sauces with ease. The Market and Le Provençal shops are currently offering the splen-did '82 Rocca delle Macie Chianti Classico for £2.29 instead of £2.69. Apart from the bitter almond bouquet typical of many chiantis, this wine from Castellina in the southern part of the chianti region has a delicious rich, fruity taste and of most Tuscan reds.

But if nothing less than crit classe claret will do for an awkward relation, visit Berry Bros & Rudd (3, St James's Street, London SWI), They have a wide range of underestimated '77s which, as they correctly point out, is "the most undervalued Bordeaux vintage

of the past 10 years. I recently tasted a dozen '77s with them and the best of bunch undoubtedly the fifth growth Pauillac Chateau Batailley. off slightly murky purple colour: its fine, cedary bouquet and fuil, elegant palate than make up for that, as does

its price et champagne (but not the mult) as £7.15 a buttle - about 25 per cent cheaper than Betailley. Cheaper still at £3.90 is Berry's '77 era hourgeers Château La Tonnelle, which would make another inexpensive partner to the festive bird. This Bordeaux Supérieur, more obviousiv youthful than the Batailley with its tannic, grassy smell soon opens up to reveal a big, ripe blackberry-like taste.

> At this stage in my household, everyone has come to a grinding halt before attacking the mineral water and Alka Seltzer, but if you can still find Christmas pudding, a honied, peachy glass or two of Sains-bury's '83 Muscat de Beaumes Venise is a safe choice (£4.65).

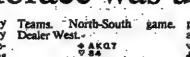
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Why Horace was unlucky

peered gloamily into the remains of his gin and tonic as Horace Paradine droned on in the lecturing tone that he reserved for his unending mathematical disquisitions. At the other, Charles Grandace appeared to be immersed in his

pitying recital of the critical

dispose of my losing diamond. dismiss the possibility of Charcourse we didn't know it at the time, we were leading by 12 les having a doubleton club, there were two possible club distributions which would IMPs. This was the final deal:



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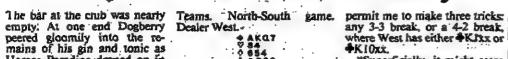
so Charles cashed the VK-before

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The subject of Horace's

monologue was the deciding hand in the club's annual teams tournament. Traditionally it was a light-hearted event, where the better players were encouraged to mingle with the lesser lights. Dogberry, who had yielded to his wife's suggestion that an evening at Annabel's would be a more suitable way to spend their anniversary, was a natural target for Horace's self-

"With one board to play, the issue lay between Charles's team and mine. Although of



"Superficially, it might seem better to rely on the 3-3 break. But by careful timing, declarer can succeed whenever West has either the #J or the #10, a 75 per cent chance.

"Satisfied that my calcu-lations were correct, I formed my plan. Take the diamond and W N Grandace T-H Henry Percy Paradine INT Double 2V 34 No 44 No No run the 48, if it loses; win the diamond return and finesse the 49. Draw trumps, ending in hand before repeating the club "Charles led the VA. When I finesse. Notice that it is saw the dummy I was delighted essential to start the clubs with my decision. Percy conbefore drawing trumps, other-

switching to the Q. Obviously, Charles must hold the *K to beautifully reasoned scheme" said Dogberry, with genuine admiration. "What happened?" account for his opening bid. But "Well, I'll show you the full to make the contract I required three club tricks in order to

wise you are an entry short."

"I must admit that was a

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"Of course that wretched Percy

had the J10 of clubs alone, so

lost two hearts, two clubs and a diamond to go two down, conceding a 200 penalty. To make matters worse, my counterpart in the other room was Eustace, the duffer of duffers. The bidding and play to the first three tricks was identical. Then Eustace finessed the \$Q, cashed two high trumps and the #A before surrendering a trick to West's *K. He was now able to discard his losing diamond on dummy's \$9." "Charles, you must admit Horace was unlucky", Dogberry

eaug onir Charles put his paper down. "Of course I do, but not quite in the sense you suggest. You will notice that Horace would also have failed had East had \$110x. There is a way to cater for both those adverse distributions.

After losing the club finesse to
East's \$10, win the diamond return and run the trumps. If the clubs are 3-3, there is no problem, and if West had four clubs initially he will be squeezed in diamonds and

"Then why did you concede that Horace was unlucky? Dogberry pursued.

Because if he had gone one down, instead of two, the swing on the board would have been 12 IMPs, and his team would have won on a split tie. As it was, the swing was 13 IMPs. Now that was unlucky:

England set their sights on the Russians

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England's feat in coming second in the chess Olympiad, which ended at Thessalonika last Friday, has established it as the leading nation in the game after the Soviet Union and marks a first for the team. England came second in Haifa in 1972 but then the full strength of world chess was not engaged in the tournament as the Soviet Union and Eastern European teams

failed to compete. The English team, every member of which was in grand form, was, it is true, favoured in its efforts by the strong showing of the Russians against their chief rivals, who beat Hungary, for example, 4-0. The Soviet team achieved this despite being without their two best players, Karpov and Kasparov, who were still playing their marathon match in Moscow.

team of many talents to the Olympiad but, as the English captain David Anderton told me, none of them seemed to be on form at the same time. But this time, with our six grandmasters - Tony Miles,

Up to now we have sent a

John Nunn, Murray Chandler, Jonathan Speelman, Nigel Short and Jonathan Mestel - we were sending our best team ever toan Olympiad; however, question was, would they all be The answer came in the

results; we were always in the top half of the draw and came well ahead of a number of the world's strongest chess-playing countries who had usually come well above us.

The final placings in the top half of the list speak for themselves: 1st Soviet Union, 41; 2nd England, 37; followed by US, 35; Hungary, 34½; Romania, 33; France and West Germany, 32 1/2; Iceland and the Philippines, 31 1/2; Czechoslovakia. 31; Brazil, Canada and Denmark, 31; The Netherlands, Cuba and Yugoslavia. 2712: Argentina, China, Israel and Scotland, 3012: Wales, 2912. It was nice too to see the other British teams figure in the top half, showing that the increase in chess-playing strength was

Such results demanded magnificent play from the whole team and their individual results and scores showed this in full measure. Mentioning them in board

spread all over the UK.

order (and here it should be emphasized that the higher the board the tougher the oppo-sition) the results were Tony Miles, 6 out of 12; John Nann, 10 out of 11. John Numn had a marvellous score, and won the gold medal both for his board and overall. He also won the gold medal in a problem-solving competition and his score Jeremy Flint was the equivalent of more than 2,800 points in Elo rating about 100 more than both Kasparov and Karpov who

On third board Murray Chandler had a very satisfactory 514 out of 9 and so too did Jonathan Speeiman on fourth board. His results were the equivalent of over 2,600. On fifth board Nigel Short scored 3 out of 6 and on sixth board Mestel bad 7 out of 9, this fine score winning him the gold medal for his board.

It must be most gratifying to the firm of Duncan Lawrie to see the marvellous effect of their generous financial sponsorship of the team. Also most helpful was the fact that with assistance from the firm, the team was able to stay in the most comfortable hotel in Thessalonika. These results are to the great

credit as well of David Anderton, who managed his team with a never failing flow of cheerful and sweet reasonableness that must have been a constant source of refreshment to their great labours. He is one of the most active members of the Friends of Chess, whose activities in promoting the British cause are largely responsible for these magnificent results. The target now must be to produce a world champion and also to beat and come above the Russians at the Olympiad.

ACROSS

Small fast warship

12 Hook-up (4.2)

19 Virgin Mary (7)

15 Recollect (6)

20 Twitch (3) 24. Greetings (5)

26 Larger skirt (4)

Wound material (3)

The following is a beautiful game by John Nunn against one of the world's grandmasters at the Olympiad. White: J. Nunn, Black: G. Sosonko (The Netherlands). Sicilian Defence.

Opening up the position a bit too soon: P-KR3 was preferable. 14 N(C)xXP PxN

Here the king is still too exposed to attack, but White also wins after 15... B-B3 16 NaN PaN 17 B-N6 dis ch Q-K2 18 BxN QxQ 19 BxB ch K-K2 20 KR-K1.

Harry Golombek

Correction

The following was reported incorrectly: New in Chess Yearbook 1984A (Batsford, £15) and The New in Chess Keybook (Barsford, in very limited quantities. Hardback deluxe, £30, or in two volumes priced £11,50 and £16,respectively).



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28 Wrinkled (5) 29 Small ring (7) 30 Farewell (11) DOWN 2 Hatred (5) 3 Hurt [4] 4 Unemployment SOLUTION TO No 521: money (4)
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6 First-course pear (7)
7 Crossbow hero (7,4)

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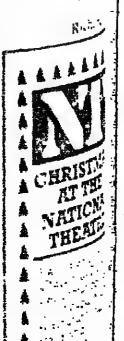
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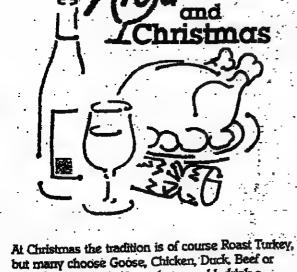
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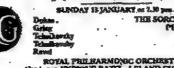
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Deep feeling: Humphrey Jennings in 1944

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On Thursday Channel 4's splendid season of Second World War documentaries reaches its peak with Fires Were Started, the 1943 tribute to the Auxiliary Fire Service directed by Humphrey Jennings (2.30-3.50 pm).

Fires Were Started was made for an official body, the Crown Film Unit, as propaganda for the war effort. But, as so often with Jennings, it gloriously transcends its immediate purpose and can stand comparison with anything the British cinema has produced.

It was Jennings's only full length film and the nearest he came to a feature in the conventional sense. Definitions are tricky but they help to place the film. Fires Were Started is a fiction in that it is a reconstruction, not a first-hand record: and it has a plot and characters.

At the same time it is rooted in real events - fire fighting in the London docks during the Blitz - and the parts are played not by professional actors but by the firemen themselves. Up to then Jennings had worked entirely in shorts, most

of them lasting only a few minutes. At their best, notably Listen to Britain, they were brilliantly constructed vignettes of image and sound infused with a deep feeling for the comradeship and unity of the nation in war.

Fires Were Started enabled

Jennings to explore this theme It displays the characteristic Jennings synthesis of high and popular art, quotations from Sir Thomas Browne ("0 eloquent, just and mighty death") and Jacbeth taking their unself-conscious place with sing songs over a larger canvas while revealing the ability - rare among British film makers - to Thomas Browne ("O eloquent, just and mighty death") and Macbeth taking their unself-conscious place with sing songs portray ordinary people without condescension. Like George Orwell, Jennings was an upper middle class intellectual with an instinctive sympathy for the round the piano. It is an exploration, above all, of the common man.

The richness of the film is belied by the simplicity of the story. It opens with the men gathering for duty, welcoming a new colleague and waiting for the inevitable night raids. Short of water and equipment, they battle with a blazing warehouse; the fire is mastered but one of the men is killed.

The fire fighting scenes are handled with a documentary essential tragedy".
In the Second World War, J. B. Priestley said, the British vividness but the quality of the film comes not only from its never quite as good afterwards.
Fires Were Started is the work capacity to convince on a superficial level but the force of Jennings's sensibility, which of a great artist but its goes far beyond surface realism. Again and again a telling image or idea lifts the film above the level of mere record. age of a nation under threat.

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ROYAL OPERA HOUSE

Covent Garden, London WC1 (240 1086) Tonight, at 7pm, Die Fledermaus

returns to Covent Garden in time for Christmas and New Year, with further performances on Tues, Dec

22, 26 (matinée), 31 and Jan 3. The cast has Thomas Allen as von Eisenstein, Dennis O'Neill as Aifred, Marle McLaughtin as Adéle, and Barbara Daniels as Rosalinde.

anniversary Rosenkavalier has one last performance for the time being

on Monday at 6.30pm, with Kirl, Te Kanawa as the Marschallin, Agnes

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seasonal edition of the marvellous
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Cabinet reshuffle could have a dramatic effect on their lives. Paul Eddington as Jim Hacker, Nigel Hawthome as Sir Humphrey.

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MACMILLAN AT WAR: Sprightly nonagenarian Lord Stockton -alias Harold Macmillan - looks alias Harold Macmillan - looks back on his time in North Africa during the Second World War in the first of three conversations with Ludovic Kennedy; pithy assessments of Eisenhower, de Gaulle and General Alexander, BBC1, Wed, 10.45-11.20pm. The other two programmes are at 11.15pm on Thurs and Fri.

family life from director Marco Bellochio (BBC2, today, 10,55pm-WINTER FLIGHT: Roy Battersby's film from the David Puttnam stable charting the bumpy progress of young love on an RAF station in Cambridgeshira. Appealing performances from Reece He Walked By Night (1949): Semi-documentary thriller of the Naked City school with Richard Basshart on the run after murdering a Los Angeles cop (Channel 4, tomorrow, 11pm-12.25am). Dinsdale and 15-year-old Nicola Cowper. Channel 4, Thurs, 9.30-11.30pm. Chempagne Charlie (1944):
Alberto Cavaicanti's stylish
evocation of the Victorian music
hall featuring Tommy Trinder and
Stanley Holloway as stars locked in
a running feud (Channel 4, Thurs,
5-7pm).

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Kay Dick admires the gentle courage that permeates the letters of Anton Chekhov

The Selected Letters of Anton Chekhov Edited by Eillian Hellman. translated by Sidonie K. Lederer. (Picador, £7.95) Humour in the face of hardship

This is a reprint of a selection published by Hamish Hamilton in 1955. As to be expected with Lillian Hellman, the introduction and linking commentary are a trifle loaded, with the emphasis on Chekhov's radical views. This is fair enough, although as he himself wrote: "I sometimes preach heresies, but have never once gone as far as the absolute negation of problems in art . . . I always insist it is not the business of the artist to solve narrowly specialized questions." In another letter he indicates what he considers to be could be described as a spartan elegance. He among "the holy of holies", namely health, intelligence, talent, inspiration, love and enjoyed the pleasures and small luxuries, and presented an optimistic view of the future. "absolute freedom" to express himself.

Chekhov was perfectly aware that society in Russia as he knew it was doomed. As a doctor he saw more abuse of the underprivileged than most. This is especially evident in letters describing his horrendous 3,000-mile trip to eastern Siberia, his census work, and investigation of prison conditions on the convict settlement of Sahalin. He was not a man to spare himself, dedicated as he was to the care of others. When the family fortunes failed, he made himself financially respon- ships, oddities and eccentricities, contradicsible for his whole family, housed them with him, worked long hours, as a doctor and as a

Literary fame came early. "I need solitude more." The first sign of the tuberculosis

looking after his family. The grandson of a serf, he enjoyed reasonably affluent early years and an excellent education. He lived

In the 1890s in Russia when attitudes were strongly polarized, Chekhov, although highly praised, was often attacked for his refusal to align himself. For a time he was a Tolstoy disciple - quietly confident about his own stance. As Miss Hellman puts it: "Chekhov looked at his work with clarity and humility. he was not to be buried or pushed or bullied". As these letters emphasize, nothing pleased him so much as to watch people with gentle, humorous eye, Personal relationtions, pretensions, ambitions, failures and vulnerabilities were his concern, "We paint

life such as it is . , that's all, there isn't any

and time" was his constant cry, but both of which was to kill him in his early forties was the limited by the practicalities of then evident. Some inner force, like a from more than 300 to Olga Knipper, the

presentiment, nudges me to make haste."
He bought for himself and his family the small estate of Melikhova, where days were spent looking after the peasantry, coping with typhoid, and writing until the early dawn hours. Concurrent with the stories were the plays. The Seaguil, Uncle Vanya, The Three Sisters became established repertory classics, with Chekhov constantly mouning about their misinterpretation.

Ill-health took him to Yalta, where he pined for Moscow life. His friendship with Gorki and encouragement of the younger writer are among the finest of these letters. although one has to admit that all Chekhov's letters are marvellous. They fill one with regret to have missed knowing Chekhov - the caring, witty, intellectually scrupulous, intuitive, sweet-natured man - whose work, stories and plays, is so memorable. A selection inevitably brings omissions to mind (from the Constance Garnett edition for instance), and one wonders why Miss

young actress whom Chekhov married in his 41st year, Clearly, from her comments, Miss Heilman does not like what is known of Olga. She was so often an absent wife, a not very good actress, selfish, intellectually lightweight and not particularly considerate of Chekhov's need. Miss Hellman describes it as "a sad marriage", and evidently it was. Although Chekhov, very loyally, regarded it as happy.

Towards the end of 1903 he completed The Cherry Orchard - pondered over for three years - and lived long enough to attend the first night. Totally exhausted by then, he retreated again to Yalta and took to his bed. He died on July 2, 1904.

It is a pity that this edition is such a miserable production, hardly matching the richness of the text and, on the whole I prefer the Constance Garnett translation to this starkly literal one. That apart it is good to be in touch again with Chekhov's personal



Simple pleasure: Anton Chekhov

Power in the pen of an ironic magician



Shame by Salman Rushdie (Picador, £2.95)

"As for me", Salman Rushdie writes in Shame, "I, 100, like all migrants, am a fantasist. I build imaginary countries and try to impose them on the ones that exist." The country in question is Pakistan, and it is imaginary in its development as an historical concept, and for the fact that Rushdie's fictional country is, as he says, not quite Pakistan. Yet his country is Pakistan enough for its history to be recognizably similar to that of the Land of the Pure.

A satirical fable, often grotesque, sometimes profane, frequently meretricious, Shame poscs a problem of responses to which facet of the book does one react? The high-flown fantasy and reality fantasy of she-devils, parent-

Shame rather like integrated Rushdie as anything else, and footnotes? Or what amounts to not only in its autobiographical a political satire based on the rise and fall of the executed

be sure. One feels that one is and Pakistanis have to recreading three books simul- oncile, sometimes with great taneously, of which only two are difficulty, their sentimental ultimately successful; and that longings with their distaste not can only lead to a feeling of for the poverty, but the dissatisfaction: a job lot, not venality, volatility and, above quite a bargain.

as a master fantasist. But it is woods. Shame (the Urdu word the more extravagant mythical sharam is more resonant) and (fairy tale, he calls it) element of honour, the progenitors of the book that seems most violence and the baubles of the hollow. And it is his "footnotes" and satire (satire, of course, relies on footnotes – or account of the rise and fall of at least knowledge of the object Iskander Harappa and his too quickly, you live too much

passages. It is about his lovehate relationship with his native sub-continent. Most western-Zulfidar Ali Bhutto? sub-continent. Most western-Mr Rushdie himself may not educated - and based - Indians quite a bargain.

All, the hypocrisy so prevalent in that particular neck of the

hood and sexual yearning? The autobiographical, first person work best.

This is as much a book about Raza Hyder, who is based imaginary country, General Raza Hyder, who is based (unashamedly, but often very loosely) on Bhutto and General Zia. Here are the God-fearing puritan and the spoilt, arrogant former playboy; both shameless and hypocritical, each the father to the other. They are, be suggests, Robespierre and Dan-

> Rushdie is at his best when talking about power and des-tiny, how the lives and fates of the powerful intertwine. He conjures up the archetype of Alexander, and the book is dotted with comic names and iokes which must be meaningless to the British reader). Iskander Harappa is a great man and," Rushdie says: "If a great man touches you, you age

Harappa's mistress, Aurangzeb - but it could equally apply to a nation. A great man, after all, seduces a nation, even makes it fall in love with him. Others merely rise to power.

Throughout, Mr Rushdie is the reflective, mischievous, omnipotent and deeply ironic magician, conscious of his power over his characters. This God-like role allows him to play with the reader and the book itself, sometimes most irritatingly.

Shame is undeniably a powerful, well observed and often deeply perceptive novel; but is its, tike all man-made creations, imperfect.

Grave matters: Avenging a murder Literature Award last year when it was published in hardback, of a Newcastle civil engineer he

Non-fiction

Highgate Cemetery, Victorian Valhalla, photographed by John Gay, Introduced by Felix Berker (John Murray, 27.50) Angels and Ministers of Grace

superintend our tombs: and also lions, lambs, grand pianos, cricket stumps, balloons and obelisks in the great Highgate cemetery that has become a wonder of the world, and a wild-life reserve in the centre of London. John Gay's photo-graphs taken over 20 years capture the changing moods and lights of the place where wild nature wrestles with high Victorian funerary art. The pictures and Felix Barker's history of the burial ground are an example of Nature express a very special, very defeating Parody, JJ is the only beautiful, very English corner of

(Unwin, £2.50)

Over the years the editor's column of opinion, rant, sentimentality, and bluff Scottish prejudice on the leader page of the Sunday Express has become a national institution. It has done more to put Auchter- small boy he was smuggled muchty on the map than the away from his village. His Scottish Tourist Board, and more to reduce hostility to homosexuals that the Gay Liberation Front. Here is a slim vol of collected pieces that have war. Gatzoyiannis was taken to not been dated by their America educated, made good, topicality. In a prefatory "My and became an investigative Dear John" letter, refusing to write a foreword, the Prime Minister admits to being a regular reader: "I would add that the things that stuck in your gullet were the things that



Observant: Henry Williamson. with an eye on nature

stuck in mine too!" The pieces reason for buying the Sunday Express. But even he is not The Best of JJ by John Junor enough to compensate for the embarrassment of being seen carrying it.

Eieni by Nicholas Gage (Fontana,

£2.95) Nicholas Gage was born Gatzoviannis in northern Greece. near the Albanian border. As a mother and the rest of his family who stayed behind were executed by Communist guerrillas in the pitiless Greek civil reporter and foreign correspondent for the New York Times. Then he went back to Greece to investigate and avenge his mother's murder. This is his story, given the Royal Society of

Jean Michel Basquiat's rise has been as meleoric as any pop star's,

writes Prudence Hone. An exhibition of his paintings opens today

in London, Earlier this week he was completing a diptych for the

show made from stats of wood nailed on to a rigid framework reminiscent of the materials on which Basquiar began to paint -

pavements, walls, hoardings. New York City, where he was born and he grew up, is alive with street art. Plashing signs, advertising

posters and fraffiti cover the city; subway trains are danbed with

the hieroglyphs of a vivid culture in flux. Why or how the 24-year-

ald artist made the transition from the art of the streets to the rarer

Jean Michel Basquigt: Paintings 1981-1984 opens at the ICA, The

Mall, London SWI today. Until Jan 27, Tues-Sun noon-9pm.

atmosphere of galleries is unrecorded.

and soon to be made into a major film, Apollo help us. It

Java. The Garden of the East by Eliza Ruhamah Scidmore (OUP Singapore, £10.50)

This book, first published in 1899, has been described as a "seminal work" (if you can bear that). It is an early account by an American writer of travel books, crammed with well written information on people, flora and fauna as seen at the Scidmore (1856-1928) enthuses about the Javanese, detests the Dutch colonials and their pompous officials, is deeply shocked by the naked ankles and bedroom slippers of women in their daily "dishabille"; but she does not hesitate to Kodak" them.

She condescends to bow to the memory of Sir Stamford Raffles and other figures of the British empire, and writes flowingly and well about the country, its expensiveness, its steamy climate, lush greenery, unsatisfactory hotels, undrinkable coffee and "riz tavels" mountainous dishes of curry and rice - while regretting the absence of Baedeker and Murray to guide her.

A Year Among the Persians by Edward Granville Browne (Century, £6.95)

rd Granville Browne (1862-1926) was a Persian

hated Eton but had a lifelong attachment to Cambridge where has the implacability and Iron a fellowship at Pembroke Age morality of something out of Sophocles, and explains the peculiar bloodiness and nobility Browne's mastery of oriental languages was remarkable. He could write equally well in Arabic, Persian and Turkish, and his ability to recall whole conversations enabled him to produce this book (1893) as his first major work. His account starts slowly but after a visit to Shiraz, the book races away in the company of poets, mystics,

> The Phasian Bird by Henry Williamson (Boydell Press, £4.95) In The Phasian Bird the perils of fur. feather, tooth and claw run parallel with the troubled masters to labourers and men. Henry Williamson wove a wonderful cloth combining minute observation with the broadest view of nature. To me it brought home early memories of horse days in the country, in

dervishes and a medicinal whiff

sight, sound and smell. The book tells the story of Chee-Kai, an orphaned golden pheasant, brought up by a pair of partridges, Pertris and Per-dix, in the context of the relationship between two farmers and their men. The story starts well, but like so many memories, seems to be unconvincing in its descriptions of human beings at the beginning of the Second World War.

Philip Howard and

Whodunnit: Tales of Trojans

Fiction

The Riverside Villas Murder by Kingsley Amis (Penguin, £1.95)
A 14-year-old schoolboy sits at home reading the Daily Mirror and dreaming of sex. Suddenly a man comes through the french windows with his head pouring blood, says "Hallo, hallo", and drops dead on the carpet. That is followed by anonymous letters, murder weapons falsely planted, a maze of alibis and enigmatic detectives scoring points off each other. It is a preposterous pastiche involving all that we love best in the oldfashioned whodunnit.

The detail is meticulous, whether it is the name of a cigarette brand or the exact shape of a £5 note. Tennis club dances, radio music, Wizard and Lifebuoy soap are all in Riverside Villas try hard to preserve their suburban niceties spite of the melodrama foisted upon them. The Amis wit controls it all - making what is odd seem normal and what is commonplace bizarre.

Look at Me by Anita Brookner (Punquin £1.95)
If Hotel du Lac is a work of perfect artifice, so is this. Frances Hinton has been brought up in the strongest traditions of good manners. She has been taught to conceal grief, never to parade her feelings in a way which might be tiresome to other people, always to preserve self control. When she gets caught up in a circle of friends Gontran Goulden discipline, who faunt their own



Meticulous: Kingsley Amis. with a preposterous pastiche rampant egotism to entertain. each other, she realizes what she lacks and longs to share their

greed and gaiety. This novel is for anyone who knows what it is like to feel invisible among a group of laughing friends and to walk away from heartbreak trying to look nonchalant and amused. The message is not new but it is sad and clear: those who are beautiful and selfish get what they want, it is the self disciplined who end up slighted and lonely. And over this realization looms the tyrant. Christmas, ready to mock the pathos of failed expectation.

Malgudi Days by R. K. Narayan (Penguin, £2.50) Narayan has created the imagin ary city of Malgudi and already described it through the eyes of Raman the sign painter. Now, in these short stories, he fills out further details of the lives and

the worries and aspirations of

Taken together the stories present a complete sociological survey. They describe the postman's relationship with the families on his round, the doctor's manner with his patient and the sculptor's attitude to his work. The most telling details of domestic life are picked out and polished in such a way that Malgudi begins to demand the reader's loyalty as if it were his own home town. Cassandra by Christa Wolf (Villado:

In this extraordinary medicy of classical learning, feminist con-sciousness and traveller's tales, Christa Wolf emerges cas an energetic personality. The first part of the book is a retelling of the story of the conflict between the Greeks and Trojans told through the eyes of Cassandra. Her terrible burden of truth and hysteria, the effect she has on other people, and they on her, is shaped into a passionate dis-

cussion of war and the sensi-

bilities of both men and women

in a situation where disaster is

inevitable. The second part of the book is a series, of lectures on the same "Cassandra" themes. The author takes a more personal approach, carefully juxtaposing her study of the possible life of the prophetess in ancient times with an account of her own feelings while on a tourist through modem journey Greece, Her "overall concern". she says, "is the sinister effects

of alienation in aesthetics, in

art, as well as elsewhere".

'Anne Barnes

Trains roll in on tape tracks

Spoken word

Further Railway Stories by the Rev W. Awdry, read by William Rushton (Argo, 2 cassettes, SAY 100; 25.95) Winnie-the-Pools by A. A. Milne, read by Alan Barmett (BBC Records REC 528, available on cassette, ZCM 528; 25.95) The Human at Pools Carpes by A. A. The House at Pools Corner by A. A. Milne, read by Alan Bernett (BBC Records REC 453, available on cassette, ZCM 493; \$2.99)

Just So Stories by Rudyard Kipling, read by Johnny Morris (Cover to Cover Cassettes, 3 cassettes, £7.75) Stig of the Dump by Clive King, reed by Martin Jarvis (Cover to Cover Cassettes, 3 cassettes:

me Island by Robert Louis Tressure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson, read by David Buck (Cover to Cover Cassettes, 6 settes: £17.25)

With Christmas in mind, I have chosen a selection of cassettes and albums for children which have something to offer to grown-ups as well. 44

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and to the accompaniment of generous helpings of rushing steam, William Rushton reads Further Railway Stories by the Rev W. Awdry. Between them, Rushton and Johnny Morris have recorded all the Railway Stories for Argo in five two-cassette sets, of which these 24 stories form the last set, the nostalgic sounds are authentic, from the old Transacord recording, well-remembered by railway enthusiasts.

Also for the very young, Winnie the Pooh House at Pooh Corner, in slightly shortened versions, are as warmly reassuring as ever but seem to gain a piquancy from Alan Bennett's gentle and endearing North-Country voice. Pooh and his friends are all beautifully defined and the forest both new and familiar, as

The "animal magic" Johnny Morris's many voices brings a contemporary shine to Kipling's wise old art, and creates something new and beguiling in the eight un-abridged Just So Stories. The Cat That Walked By Himself is particularly charming in this reading.

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Also unabridged, and lasting for three and a half hours (a fraction longer than the Kin-ling), is Stig of the Dump, for the 6 to 10-year-olds, one of the most original and most absorbing children's stories I know. Written some 20 years ago by Clive King and read very companionably by Martin Jarvis, it tells the story of how Barney, on holiday with his grandmother, tumbles accidentally into an old chalk-pit with a rubbish dump at the bottom, and finds it is inhabited by Stig. an adaptable and ingenious survivor from cave-man days,

For the 19-year-olds and upwards, the full-length Treasure Island, in this outstanding reading by David Buck (six cassettes, 74 bours), is treasure indeed, though it is likely to be borrowed by their elders for bedtime listening.

A bundred years after it was written. Stevenson's classic adventure story, full of treachery and bravery, avarice and borror, has not lost its appeal, and this production gives tension and excitement their full value. This set, and Stig of the Dump are obtainable by mail order from Cover to Cassettes, Freepost, Maribo-rough, Wiltshire (067 286 495).

Mary Postgate

GALLERIES

EIGHT AT THE WHITE SPACE: Computer graphics mix with more conventional media in this show by eight artists, most of whom are concerned with recurring patterns in nature. Robert Dixon, Alan Senior and Julia Bath are among the contributors. White Space Gallery, 6 Shillingford Street, London N1 (884 0945). Opens Mon, until Dec 22, Mon-Fri 0am-6pm, Sat 10am-2pm. CHRISTMAS EXHIBITION: A mixed show which includes a few of John Wragg's resin heads of women. all, intimate collages by Sophie Johnson. Quinton Green Fine Arts, 5/6 Cork

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n-5.30pm, Sat 10am-12.30pm.

Street, London W1 (734 9179). Opens Tues, until Jan 21, Mon-Fri

VIDEO TIMES Kettles Yard, Northampton Street, Cambridge (0223 352124). Until Fri, 12.30-5.30pm except \$cm, 30pm, no perf Mon Kevin Atherton's installation consists of a video, showing himself looking at a television screen looking at you, looking at him. An accompanying booklet (a sort of combined TV and Radio Times) details each moment on LET ME SHOW YOU MY

ETCHINGS FATHER CHRISTMAS Bankside Gallery, 48 Hopton Street, Blackfriars, London SE1 (928 7521). Until Dec 23, Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sim 2-6pm Mixed show of original work by members of the Royal Societies Painters in Water-Colours and Painter-etchers and Engravers, which range from delicately executed wood-engravings to traditional landscapes. THE ART OF THE ARCHITECT

Royal Institute of British Architects, 66 Portland Place.

London W1 (580 5533). Until Jan

27, Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun Openings

2-6pm Fascinating exhibition from the institute's collections. It ranges from designs by the great Renaissance architect Andrea Palladio to Inigo Jones's self-portrait. There is also a selection of **AESOP'S FABLES Portal Gallery,** AESOP'S FABLES Porthi Gallery, 16a Grafton Street, London W1 (493 0706). Umil Jan 5, Mon-Pri 10am-5.45pm, Set 11am-2pm Mixed exhibition of gallery artists illustrating the fables; a great variety of styles, some amusing interpretations and one small, be wife like formed pointing by Sen beautifully framed painting by Barry Castle which seems to capture Aesop's enduring insight into human nature. MICHAEL LLOYD/ALISTAIR McCALLUM

Oxford Gallery, 23 High Street, Oxford (0865 242731). Until Jan 3, Mon-Sat 10am-5pm
Two artists working in precious
metals, but with very different
styles: Lloyd produces chased
silver bowls, McCallum uses mokumé, a technique which bler the metals together so that they swirl into patterns resembling melting ice creams.

AN ARCHITECTURAL QUEST: FROM BARCELONA TO Francis Kyle Gallery, 9 Maddox Street, London W1 (499 6870). Until Jan 11, Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 11am-1pm Glynn Boyd Harte's recent watercolours range from the austere neo-classicism of the Altes Museum in Berlin to the organic forms of Gaudi's Casa Mila in Barcelonia. The show includes

Tea Rooms in Glasgow. DESIGNS FOR DANCES Amoltini Gallery, Narrow Quay, Bristol (0272 299194). Until Jan 13, Tues-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 2-6pm Original designs by Bakst, Braque, Leger and John Piper are on show,

interiors of The Hermitage in Leningrad and Mackintosh's Willow

together with models of set designs by Bridget Riley, Richard Smith and David Hockney RICHARD HAMILTON: PRINTS 1939-83

Waddington Graphics, 2-4 Cork Street, London W1 (439 1866). Until Dec 22, Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm, Set 10am-1pm Hamilton's impact comes from the tapositions of the bizarre and the commonplace. The show includes the famous prints of Marilyn Monroe, Bing Crosby and Mick Jagger . . . and the notorious vase of flowers. CHINESE ORNAMENT: THE LOTUS AND THE DRAGON

British Museum, London WC1 (636 1555). Until May 5, Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2-6pm Fascinating journey through decorative motifs, from ancient Egypt and classical Greece to China. Lotus patterns and acanthus scrolls were appropriated by Chinese porcelain painters to

WILLIAM MORRIS Graves Art Gallery, Surrey Street, Sheffield (0742 734781). Until Jan 6, Mon-Sat 10am-Spm, Sun 2-5pm lebrating the 150th anniversary of Morris's birth, the exhibition concentrates on his designs for carpets, ambroidenes, furniture, tapestries, stained glass and also his wallpaper and fabrics.

AND DRAWINGS Hayward Gallery, South Bank, London SE1 (928 3144), Until Jan 6, Mon-Wed 10am-8pm, Thurs-Sat 10am-8pm, A show that concentrates on all the effort behind the apparently affortiess masterpieces, representing work from every stage in Matisse's career.

HENRI MATISSE: SCULPTURE

Sarah Jane Checkland and Prudence Hone



On tour: Rakusy, from the Josef Koudelka exhibition

Photography

JOSEF KOUDELKA Cambridge Darkroom, Dales Brewery, Gwydir Street, Cambridge (0223 350725). Until Feb 3, Tues-Sat noon-8pm, Sun The best photographic exhibition of 1984 leaves London for a short

provincial tour beginning in Cambridge. Although slightly condensed the prints lose none of their extraordinary power. Koudelka is a solitary figure who is difficult to pin down, living a nomadic existence in Europe, following gypsy festivals and religious events. His best known pictures are of these events but more personal works, still lifes and landscapes are also to be seen. Not to be missed.

NINE BY NINE Olympus Gallery, 24 Princes Street, London W1 (481 7581). Until Jan 24, Mon-Fri 11am-6.30nm 11am-c.supm An assortment of photographs from some top names including Bailey, Lichfield, Lartigue, Ralph Gibson and Don McCuilla, each

contributing nine prints. Nebulous to say the least but some gold buried among the dross. **DUANE MICHALS** Museum of Modern Art, 30 Pembroke Street, Oxford (0865.

72233). Until Feb 3, Tues-Sat 10am-Spin, Sun 2-Spin. Closed Dec 24-Jan 1 The first one-man exhibition for Michals in the United Kingdom. It covers 1958-84 and includes early portraits and the more recent. equence photographs with texts. Often the texts see interesting than the contrived chama in the photographs.

SRI LANKA Terrace Entrance Foyer, Nation Theatre, South Bank, London SE1 (928 2252). From Thurs until Jan Mon-Sat 10am-11pm Tim Page made his reputation wi photographs taken during the Vietnam war. This exhibition presents a more gentle side of his

Photography: Michael Young:

DANCE

complete without The Nutcracker. This year there are three productions: a new one at Covent Garden, and revivels by Festival Ballet and the Scottish Ballet. But although in limited supply. ROYAL BALLET

Covent Garden (240 1066). Wed, Thurs at 7.30pm, Fri at 2.30 and Peter Wright's new staging of The

Nutcracker, with Gennadi Rozhdestvensky conducting, has to remiere Thurs at a royal gala for charity, with Lesley Collier and Anthony Dowell in the leads. Performances on Fri feature Ravenna Tucker and Jay Jolley (matinee), Fiona Chadwick and Wayne Eagling (evening). On Wed, Bryony Brind and Jonathan Cope dance Swan Lake.

SADLER'S WELLS ROYAL BALLET Sadler's Wells (278 8916), Opens Tues until Jan 5. Mon-Sat (not Dec 24, 25) at 7.30pm, matinees Sat and Dec 26 at 2.30pm, Dec 19 at

The season opens with a mixed bill (Tues-Thurs) in which Ashton's The Dream is supported by MacMillan's Concerto and Elite Syncopations plus André Prokovsky's duet Vocalise. Fri brings Coppélia with Margaret Barbieri, Alain Dubreull and David Bintley in the leads.

FESTIVAL BALLET Birmingham Hippodrome (021 622 7486). Today at 2.30 and 7.30pm Today's performances of The Nutcracker, in Ronald Hynd's production, are danced by Lucia Trugila and Patrick Armand (matinée), Mary McKendry and Peter Schaufuss (evening).

SCOTTISH BALLET Glasgow, Theatre Royal (041-331 1234). Wed at 7.15pm, Matinée Sat at 2.15pm Peter Darrell's production of The Nutcracker has designs by Philip Prowse and various casts.

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days. E3-64-50 Standies Sump a Chales The "Little Orphan Annie" musical in a Frankling | Light of the Control of

SIRMINGHAM: Alexandra (021 843 1231). Cinderella, Dec 22-Feb 2, Mon-sat at 7pm; matinees Mon-sat Dec 28-Jan 5, then Tues, Wed, Thurs, Sat; from Jan 21 Tues, Wed and Sat at at 2.30pm. £1-£8 Lavish production with Lional and Joyce Blair, Paula Wiscox, Anthony Steel, Derek Fowlds, Fred Evans, with Anna Neagle, Jacqueline Reddin, SIRMINGHAM: Hippocloppe (021 822 there is a selection of the and allerent for childrent and allerent for childrent and another the selection of the selection Neagle, Jacqueline Reddin.

BIRMINGHAM: Hippodrome (021 822 7486). Camon & Ball Christinse
Spectacular. Dec 21-Feb 16, Mon and Tues at 7.30pm, Wed-Sat at 6.10 and 3.40pm, with some Fridarya at 7.30pm Variety bill including Marti Caine, Bryan Marshall, speciality scts.

BIRMINGHAM: Repertory Theatre (021 236 4455). Treasure leiand, Oec 21-Feb 9. Mon-Sat at 7 pm; matinièes Sat at 3pm. 23.50-28.50. Conce and party rates Remain this as well to the country like the state of the state o steam, William Rushing Kee M tours Report to Rushian 2013 Johnny

ratea
Musical adaptation of R. L. Stevenson's
pirate tale: book and lyrics by Willis Hait;
music by Denis King, Jack Douglas and MUSIC by Denis Arig. Jack Douglas and Bob Grant.
BLACKBURN: King George's Hell (0254 552582). Dick Whittington. Dec 27-Jan 5, at 10.30am, 2.30 and 7.15ps: daily variations. £2. Conce and party rates Local entertainers Stan Tate and Terry Barber head the Cast.

AROUND THE

REGIONS

BLACKPOOL: Grand (0253 28372), Mr Cindera, Until Jan 5. Mon-Sat at 7.31pm; matinées (vary) at 2.30pm, 52.30-55. Conce and party rates Graham Fletcher and Carol Brooks in the 1920s musical comedy success by Clifford Grey, Greatrex Newman, Lao Robin, Vivian Ellis and Richard Myers. Robin, Vivian Eliss and Richard Myera.
BOGNOR: Regis Centre, Alexandra:
Theatre (0243 865551). Magical Merlin,
Dec 18-Jan 12. Dec 18-20 at 10am and
1.30pm; Dec 22 at 10.30am and
2.30pm. No peris Dec 23-25. Dec 25 at
2.30 and 6.30pm; Dec 28-Jen 12. MonSaf at 2.30pm. £2. Party rates.
Dracula's Christmas Surprise. Dec 27Jan 12. Mon-Saft at 7.30pm. £2.5023.50. Party rates.

£3.50. Party rates
The first show is for children and families, the second for teenagers and "fun-loving adults".

BOLTON: Octagon (0204 28407). The Gingerbread Man, Until Jan 19, Mon-Sat 7.30pm; matinees Sat at 2.50pm; some weekday matinees 10am and 2.30pm. £2.£3.10. Conce and party David Wood's popular musical for children, with Guy Burgess in the title

BOURNEMOUTH: Pavilion (0202 25861). Goldflocks and The Three Bears. Dec 20-lan 19. Delly Incl Sun at 7pm; matinèse Mon-Sat at 2.30pm, Sun at 3pm. E3-E5. Concs and party rates Tad Rogers, Lynsoy de Paul, Gareth-Hunt, Michael Sharvell-Martin, Malcolm Roberts, Neil Buchanan, Britan Jacks. BRIGHTON: Theatre Royal (0273 23488), Dick Whittington, Dec 21-Jan 19. Mon-Sat at 2.30 and 7.30pm (no matinee Dec 21; matinee only Dec 24) maintee Dec 21; maintee only bet 29; until Jan 7, there Mon-Set at 7.30pm; matinees Tues, Thurs and Sat at 2.30pm, E2-68, Concs and party cries; Christopher Biggirs, Shella Burnette, Catherine Rabett, Kit and the Widow. BR/GHTON: Gardner Centre (0273 685861). The Gingertread Man. Dec 22-Jan 12. Dec 22, 24, 25-23; 31, Jan 1-5, 9-11 at 2,30pm; Dec 22, 25-23, Jan 1-5, 8-12 at 7pm, E3-54. Conce and party

rates Brighton Actors Workshop in David Wood's musical play for children. BRISTOL: Hippodrome (0272 298444). Aladdin. Dec 22-Mer 2. Mon-Set at 2 Arzonn. Dec 22-mer 2. Mon-Sat at 2 and 7pm until Jan 5, then Mon-Sat at 7pm, matinises on various days. £2-£7. Concs and party rates Little and Large, Isla St Clair, Afred

BRISTOL: Theatre Royal, Old Vic (0272 24365). Peter Pari, Dec 18-Feb 9, Mon-Wed at 7.15pm, Thurs-Sal at 7.45pm;

mattinees Dec 20, 22, 27-28, 31, Jan 1-5, 9, 10, 12 at 3pm, No perfe Dec 24, 25. From Jan 12: autology at 7pm, mattinees at 3pm, but schedule varies. 90p-26 (paye 28 and 212). Conce and party rates. party rates. J. M. Barrie's classic felry tale.

ABERDEEN: His Majesty's (022A 638080). Aladdin, Uniii Jen S, Mon-Set at 7pm; matinbes at 2.30pm Dec 8, 15, 22, 24, 26, 27, 28, 23, Jan 2-5, 22, 50-BRISTOL: New Vic (9272 24323) Tomfoolery, Dec 17-Peb J. Mon-Wed st. 7.15pm, Thurs-Sat at 7.45pm; matthéee-Dec 25 and Jen 1 at 3pm, 21.50, Corps. Allan Stewart, Peter Morrison, Edwina Lawrle, Denny Wills, Peter Wyngarde, Louise English, Miranda Coe.

Lec of this control is and perhimans. Robin Ray and Cameron Mackinton's revue of the words and music of US writer Tom Lehrer, sherp fun for adults. BATH: Theatre Royal (0225 65065). Dick Whitington. Dec 22-Feb 2, Mon-Sat at 7.20pm; matiness Mon-Sat until Jan 12, then Wad to Sat, as at 2.30pm. 23-26; 22-25 from Jan ? CAMBRIDGE: Aris (0223 352600). Jaick and the Besyntark. Ihmil Jan 12. Dec. 17-19-st 7 pm, then; Mon – Sat st 2.30 and 7 pm; No per Dec 25: 24.60 – 25.60.

Coocs and party rates
Toni Arthur, Peter Byrne, Richard
Murdoch, Mark Curry, David Crosse,
Elen Thomas and Lucie Skeeping. CARDIFF: New Theatre (022 383451), Robin Hond: Dec 17 - Feis 2, Mon - Sat at 2.30pm and 7pm; also at 10.30em. Dec 22,29, Jan 5, 22.25 - ES. Cones and party rates Ruth Madoc, Str Francis, Kint Braden, Anna Karen, Douglas Fielding.

CHELTERHUME Town Hell (9242-523830): Aladdia and his Wenderini Lamp. Dec 77 - Jan 12. Perfs at 10. 15am, 2pm, 2.30 5 and 7 pm, on different days. 23 - £4. Conce and party rates. Ell Simpson, Folywell Flax, Macdonald Hobiey and Poter Denyer.

CHESTER: Gateway (0244 40392).
Reinbow Man. Uniti Jan 12. Micro-Fri at 2pm, Set at 2.35pm, Dec 17 and 18, Jan 15-17 at 10.50em; Dec 15, 19-22, 25-29, Jan 1, 3-5, 8-12, 18 and 19 at 7pm. No perfa Dec 24, 25, 22.75-24, Conca and Darly rather. party rates
Plying Tortolse Company in a new
musical play for 5-11-year-olds.

CHESTERFIELD: Pomegranate (0245-32901). Cinderella. Dec 21-Jan 12. Until Jan 6: Mon-Set at 2:30 and 7pm. Jan 7-11 at 7pm; Jan 12 at 2:30pm and 7pm. 52:50-62. Cooks and perty rates Frank Williams, Harry Dignam, Isobel Arnett in traditional show.

CHICHESTER: Festival Theatre. (1243 .781312). Bebes in the Wood, Until Jan 12. Mon-Set at 7pm; matinies at 2pm from Dec 15. matinies only Dec 24, no per Dec 25, £4-£7.50, Conce and party rstes. Spike Miligan, Evelyn Laye, Bill Pertwee, John Clegg, Barry Gosney, Julie Dawn Cole, Janet Mahoney.

COLCHESTOR: Marcury (1206 STEMS).
Cindendla: Unil Jan 15. Mee - Det et
Type; matinises Men - Set until Jan 5,
and Jan 10, 12, 17, 15; Dec 27, 25 st 2,
5, Spon. No peris Dec 24, 25, £2 - £4.55.
Conce and party rates
Traditional personnes.

COLNE: Nunicipal Hell (0282 864721) Jack and the Beanstall: Dec 25 - Jen 12. Mon - Pri at 2.15 and 7.15pm, Sat at 10.15em, 2.15pm and 7.15pm; Dec 31 st 2.15pm only. \$2. Conce and purty raice Rosemary Squires stars in traditional

COVENTRY: Belgrade (0202 553055). Until Jan 19. Abaddin and his Wonderful Lamp, Mon - Set at 2.30 and 7pm. £2.75 - £5. Concs and party rates Joanne Murro, Brian Rawlinson, Lani Harper, lain Lauchtan in a traditional partonium by Bob Cartton and Stephen



DARLINGTON: Civic Theatre (0325 486555). The Magic World of Abddin. Until Jan 19, Mon - Set at 2.30 and 7pm, with variations. He perts Dec 24, 25, no matinine Dec 14, Jan 7, 8, 11, 14, 15, 17, 18, 21,80 - 24,50. Concs and party tee ester illusionest Faust, with Irls

Wittams, Scott Wynter, Ling Tai sind Paul Shearstone: a blend of traditions parsomine and magic show.

partitione and magic anow.

DERBY: Phythouse (0332 363276). Magicand Mog. Until Jan 18. Mon-Set at 2pm in school term time, 2.30pm in the holidays, Charile's Aunt. Dec 19-Jan 18, Mon-Thurs at 7.30pm, Fri and Set at 8pm. £4. Concs and party rates.

David Wood's musical show is for the charged. children; the revival of the classic comedy of deception should please all

DUBLIN: Abbey (0001 744506). The Merchant of Venice: Until Feb 2. Mon Sat at 8pm. 24-27. Conce and party

Christmas shows hist the villain again, to try join in the song spelled out on the vast sheet hanging from the flies. The pantomime season is with us again, and more than 100 commercial productions around Britain testify to its continuing appeal For the second year running. Aladdin - sometimes with His Wonderful Lamp -

is in the lead. Next comes Whittington, and Cinderella, the most popular for a generation, is in third place. But the one which excites Gyles Brandreth, founder and director of the British Pantomime Association, the most is Jack and the Beanstalk

Now in fourth place, Jack and the Beanstalk has been chosen as the Royal panto this Christmas, to be attended at Richmond by Princess Alexandra. "I am hoping to see Jack move up the top ten list and it could be in the top two next year. Jack and the Beanstalk and Dick Whittington are the only two home grown British pantos. The rest are foreign stories - even Cindercila is French", Brandreth says with some distaste.

unusual causes ranging from Scrabble to exotic knitwear, notes with pleasure a Humpty Dumply and records the return of Sinbad. Brandreth's spies report a strong return to the tra-ditional values. "Last Christ-

Brandreth, esponser of

mas we had no reports of bire okes, and pantos are back to telling the traditional fairy story, he says. story'

Christopher Warman



Panto partners: Anthony Best (left) and Mark Eldridge star in the Watermill Theatre's production of Pinocchio at Newbury

The Abbey Players in a not-especially-sessonal production.

DUNDEE: Reperlory (0382 23530). A Ece in Wonderland, Until Jan 5, Non-Sat at 7.15pm; matinées various days at 2.34pm. E3.25-E4. Concs and party Local repertory company in traditional

EASTBOURNE: Congress (0922 38363). Aladdin, Dec 25-Jen 25. Mon-Set at 7-30pm in Dec, 8-30pm in Jest; matinées Mon-Set at 2-30pm, and Sun at 3pm from Dec 30. No perfe Jan 7, 8, 14. 15, 21, 22. 22.50-25.50. Conce and

party rates Frankia Howard, Trevor Bannister, Anna Dawson in traditional show.

EDINBURGH: Kings (031 229 (201). Simbad the Sallor. Until Feb 2. Mon-Set at 7pm; mediness Wed and Sat and Dec 26-29 at 2.15pm. No peris Dec 25, Jan 1.22.50-25.50. Conce and party sales Johnny Beattle, Una McQueen, Christian, in traditional show.

Critister, in tradpoint snow.

EDINBURGH: Royal Lyceium (031 229 9657). The Snow Queen. Until Jan 5.

Perts at 10sm, 2, 3, 5, 7, 5pm; eccarding to the day. 22, 40-24, 50.

Conce and party retine.

Shart Paterson's adaptation of the Haris Christian Anderson story, with music by Derek Watson; recommended especially for 5-14 year olds.

EPSOM: Playhouse. (78 42555). Jack and the Seanstalk II. Dec 20-last 5, Mort-Set at 2.30pm; Dec 20-22, Jan 3-5 at 7.30pm, Dec 28-28 at 7 pm. No part Dec 25: 23.50. Conce and party rather Traditional pantomime, written by Peter Corey and Graham Stansfield

EXETER: Northcott (0392 54853). Toad of Toad Hull. Dec 20-Jan 19. Mon-Fri at 7.30pm (Dec 28-28 at 8pm), Sat at 8pm; reathless Dec 28-29, Jan 2-5, Jan 12-19 at 4pm. School Jan 10, and 15 at 1.30pm. SA-SB. Conce and party tales A. A. Müne's adaptation (with music by H. Fraser Stmson) of Kenneth Grahame's The Wind in the Willows, in a production designed by Raymond Bricos.

FARNHAM: Redgrave (1222 7 (5301). Amnie. Until Jan 19. Mon-Set at Spra; matinèes Wed-Fit at 2-30pm, Sat at 4pm. No metinée Dec 12, no peris Dec

24, 25. Matinées Dec 26 at 4pm, no matinées Jan 18, 18, 23, 45-25, 25. Conce and party rates The "Little Orphan Annie" musical,

GLASGOW: Critzens' (041 429 0022). The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe. Until Jan 12. Mon-Set et 7.30pm. £1-£3 Andrew Aity's adaptation of the C. S. Lewis book for children.

GLASGOW: King's Theatre (041 331 1234). The Sleeping Beauty. Until Feb 9. Mon-Sat at 7pm; matiness at 2.15pm Dec 17-22, Dec 24-29, Dec 31-Jan 5 and on some other days. No perfs Dec 25, Jan 1, £1-£5.40. Conce and party rates. Rikki Fulton, Walter Carr, in traditional

GLASGOW: Thesire Royal (041 331 1234). The Nutrescher. Dec 19-29. Mon-Sat at 7.15pm; matinises Dec 24, Dec 27-29 at 2.15pm. £2,40-£12. Conce and party rates The Scottish Ballet, in the Tchaikovsky

GUILDFORD: Yvenne Ameud (0483 60191). The Wind in the Willows. Dec 18-lan 12. Mon-Sat at 2.30 and 7pm. No perts Dec 25, £4.20-£7. Concs and

party rates
Terry Scott, Patrick Cargill, Mahyn
Hayes in an adaptation by Willis Hall
(masic by Denic King) of the Kenneth
Grahams hook. To be operanted subsequently at Sadler's Wells.

HAMPSHIRE (on tour): Solent People's Theatre (0703 443843), Spelibhder. Theatre (1703 443943), Spentamore, Until Jan 19, At community centres, theatres, in schools and hospitals, etc throughout Hampshire, for one or two performances at each Partoniane varities by Phil Smith and presented on tour by a Southampton-based community theatre group.

HARROGATE: Harrogate (0423 502115). Hame Anderson, Dec 20-Jan 18. Hon-Sat at 2.30 and 7pm. £2.15-£4. Concs and party rates
The story of the writer of fairy stories;
with music.

HULL: New (0482 20463), Dick Whitington, Dec 17-Jan 25, Mon-Sat at 7pm; matinises Mon-Sat Dec 20-Jan 8, then Thurs and Sat at 2,15pm, £2-£5. Concs and party rates Charlie Williams, Bobby Knutt, Ronnie

magic of

Cryer and Frankie Deamonde in a

HULL: Spring Street (0482 23838). A Christmas Carol. Until Jen 11. Mon-Si at 7.45pm; schools metinies at 2pm; Sat at 4pm, also Dec 24 at 4pm, No perts Dec 25, 52-52.75. Conce and party river. John Godber's adeptation of the Charles Dickens classic.



INVERNESS: Eden Court (D463 221718). Jack and the Segnatulk. Until Jan 5. Mon-Sat at 2.30pm and 7.30pm. No perts Dec 25, Jun 1. 24.50-25.50. Concs and party rates Jimmy Logan, George Duffus, in a traditional show,

IPSWICH: Wolsey (0473 53725). Annie. Dec 20-jan 25. Tues-Fri at 7.45pm, Sat at 8pm; matinies Wed at 2.30pm, Sat at 4.45pm. No per 10 Dec 25. 22.50-24.90. Concs and party rates The "Little Orphan Annie" musical Local company production.

KIRKCALDY: Adam Smith (0592 280498). Dick Whittington. Until Jan 26. Mon-Set at 7 pm; mathrees Sat at 2 pm, Dec 24-29, Dec 31-Jan 5 at 2 pm (no perfs Dec 25, Jan 1), £2-£4. Concs and party rates. Mary Lee, Des King, in a traditional

LANCASTER: Duke's Playhouse (0524 68845). All Babe and the Forty Thioves. Until Jan 12. Mon-Saz at 2pm (not Jan 8, 10); Dec 15, 17-22, 28-29, Dec 31-Jan 5, Jan 8-12 at 7pm. No perfs Dec 24, 25, Jan 1, Jan 7, 23.50. Concs and party

retes Traditional show.

LEATHERHEAD: Thorndike (0372 377577). Joseph and the America Technicolor Dreamcost. Until Jan 12. Mon, Tues, Thurs, Sat at 7.30pm, Wed and Pri at 8pm; matinides on various

NEWBURY: Watermill (0635 46044). Phocostic. Until Jan 5. Mon-Set et 2

Bill Buckley as Joseph in the continuingly popular Tim Rice and 'Andrew Lloyd Webber musical version of the Old Testament story.

LEEDS: City Varieties (USE2 430008). Snow White and the Tervan Dwarfs. Dec 20 for a season. Mon-Fri at 7pm; mathries Mon-Fri at 2.30pm; Sat at 2pm, 4.45 and 7.30pm, 52.75-64. Cones id party rates ive Peters, Carole Bianco, Bobby King, Norma Redfearn, and seven theres.

LEEDS: Pisyhouse (0532 442111). Charle and the Chocolde Factory. Dec 20-Jan 19. Thurs-Sat at 7pm; matiness 10.15am Jan 3. 9. 15. 18; 2pm Dec 20-22, Jan 3-11, 15-17; 3pm Dec 22, 26-29, 31, Jan 2-5, 12. No perts Dec 24, 25, Jan 1, Jan 7, 14. 22.20-24, 20. Conca and narrhy strias. and party rates
Jeremy Raison and the English Youring
Company have adapted Roald Dhei's
Story featuring some greedy children
and Willy Wonka.

LEICESTER: Haymarket (0533 530021). LEACESTERS INNIMARION (USAS SAUDZI). Charife and the Chocolair Factory. Until Jan 5, Dec 15, 21, 22, Mon-Set from Dec 26, all at 1.30pm, 22.50 The Roald Dairi story, this time adapted by Richard Williams, with music.

LEICESTER: Phoenix Arts (0533 55455). Alice in Wonderland. Until Jan 13. Tues-Sat at 7.30pm, Dec 26, 27 at 5pm; natishée Tues-Fri at 2pm, Sat at 2.30pm; some perfis at 15em. EL 25.

Concs and party rates Stage adaptation of the Lawis Carrol

story.

Liverpool.: Empire (051 709 1555). Christmas Variety. Until Dec 29. Dec 17-20, 26 and 27 at 7.30pm; Dec 15, 21, 22, 29 at 5pm and 8pm; matthées Dec 26, 27 at 2.30pm; hip perfs Dec 24, 25. E2.95-64.85. Conce and perty rates Tom O'Connor. Bobby Dawn, Vinca Hill, Pavlov's Puppers, stc.

Jesus Christ Superstar. Jan 1-Feb 2. Mon-Set at 7.30pm; matinées Jan 2-5, 7-12, 19, 28, Feb 2 at 2.30pm, £2.95-64.95. Conce and party rates
The Andrew Lloyd Webber/Tim Rice musical re-telling of the final week of the life of Christ.

LIVERPOOL: Everyman (051 709 4775). From a Jack to a King, Until Jan S. Tues-Sat at 8pm; matiness on various days. 22-23.50. Conce and party rates. Bland of Bhutespeare (Machetin), famasy and 1950s and 1980s rock'n'roll, by Bob Cariton.

MALVERN: Festival Theatre (06845 3377). Dick Whittington and Wonderest, Dec 28-Jan S. Dec 26-29, 31, Jan 1, 4, 5 at 7 pror, matinées Dec 28-29, 31, Jen 1, 2; 5 at 2.30pm, No perf Jan 3, 22.75-23.25, Concs and party stes. Malvern Theatrs Players in the David

Wood musical play for children and MANCHESTER: Library Theatre (061 235 7110) Nutcracker Sweet, Unit Jan 26. Tues-Sat at 7pm unit Dec 24; Jan 7-26; matinées on most days at 2.30pm, 22.80-23.40. Conce and party rates. One of David Wood's musical plays for children and feedling.

children and tamilles. A Christmas Carol. Dec 19-Jan 5. Tues-Set at 7.30pm. No part Dec 25, £4 (Inci buffet). Concs and party rates.
World premiers of musical play adapted from the Charles Dickens story by David Ponting and Paul Mitchell-Davison.

MANCHESTER: Palace (061 236 9922). MANCHESTER: Psiace (061 236 9922). Aladdin, Until Jen 25, Mon - Sat at 7.30pm; matinées Mon-Fri at 2.30pm; Sat at 4pm. Dec 24 at 4pm and 7.30pm; no port Dec 25; Jen 1 at 4pm and 7.30pm. 23.50-27.50. Concs and party

Tommy Trinder, Su Pollard, Matthew Kelly, Derek Griffiths, Edmy

MANCHESTER: Royal Exchange (061 833 9833). The Admirable Crickton. Until Jan 19. Dec 13 at 7pm, Mon and Tues at 7,30 matinees Wed at 2.30pm, Set at 4pm. No perf Dec 25. E4-E8. Conce and party

rain

J. M. Barrie's satirical comedy of the
English class system in which an
aristocratic turnly and butter are
marboned on a desert island.

MUSSELBURGH: Brusson (121 585

NEWARK: The Pelace (0836 71156). Aladdin. Jan 22-26. Tues-Sat at 7.30pm; matinee Jan 26 at 2pm. £1.50-£2.50. Concs and party rates.

Phoconic. Until Jan 5. Mon-Set et 2pm and/or 5pm. No perfs Dec 24, 25. E3.50-

£5.75. Conce and party rates Euan Smith's adaptation of the original story, a family musical, especially suitable for 5-12-year-olds.

Suitable for 5-14-year-ous.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE: Playbouse (0632 323421). The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, Until Jan 18, Perfs at 10am, 1.45pm, 2pm and 7pm, varying according to the day. No perf Dec 25. 23.75. Conce and party rates Ken Hill's adaptation of the C. S. Lewis book, with songs by Brendan Healy.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE: Theatre Royal (0632 322061), Cinderella, Until Jan 28. Mon-Sat at 7 pm; matiness Mon-Sat at 2 pm until Jan 5, then Thers and Sat only at 2 pm, No peri Dec 25, 21,50-24,50. Concs and party rates The Kranides, Paula Ann Bland, Julie Rogers, Lambert & Ross, Charle Carrol Jr.

HORWICH: Thembre Royal (0603 38205). Goldfocks and the Three Easts. Occ 21-Feb 9. Mon-Sat at 7.30pm; hartinees Mon-Sat at 2.30pm until Jen 5, then on most days. £4-£5.80. Concs and party Yayna Steep, Anne Aston, Rusty Gotte.



NOTTINGHARE Playhouse (0502 419419). Jack and the Beanstalk, Until Jan 5, Mon-Sat at 2.30pm and 7.30pm; 10am on Dec 19, £4.75, Conce and

party rates Repertory company in traditional show, NOTTINGHAM: Theatre Royal (0502 17203). Coder size Date 2 1 Mar 2 More Sat at 2pm and 7.15pm (Dec 22-Jan 5, Feb 18-23), otherwise More Sat at 7.15pm; maginees Tues, Wed and Thurs at 2pm, Sat at 10.30am and 2.30pm. E3-E7, Concs and party rates Roy Hudd, Bernard Breaslaw, Windsor Daves. Deborah Watting in a lavish show.

OLDHAM: Coliseum (06) 824 2829). Red Riding Hood. Until Jan 12. Perts vary; most days Mon-Sat at 2.30pm, Thurn-Sat at 7.30pm, some days also at 10am; extra 7.30 perts Dec 24, 31, Jan 2, 7-3, No perts Dec 25, 26, 63,70. Concs and carty rates Concs and party rates
Jeffrey Longmore, Julia Ford, in
Kenneth Alan Taylor's version of the
fary lale, preserved as a traceportal

OXFORD: Playhouse (0855 247133). Whirlipp Theatre in David Wood's autwenture for children. The Wind in the Wildows. Dec 24-Jan 5. Mon-Fri at 2.30pm, Sat at 11am and 2pm. No perf Dec 25, £2-£3. Concs and party rate.

party rates
Pofics Children's Theatre in Richard
Gill's adaptation of Kanneth Grahame's
book, especially for 5-11-year-olds.

PETERBOROUGH: Key (0733 52439). Aladdin, Unit Jan 19, Mon-Fri at 2.15 and 7pm; Set at 1.30, 4.30, 7.30pm; with variations. £2.75-£4. Conce and party Traditional family pantomime, with Ron Copsey, Paul Burton, Alex McKinley, Carla McLaine.

PLYMOUTH: Theatre Royal (0752 589595): Mother Goosa, Dec 18-Jan 26 Mon-Sat at 7.30pm; matinides Dec 18-22, 28-29, Dec 31-Jan 5; then Tues, Thurs and Sat at 2.30pm; Dec 24 at 4pm only, 53.50-E7. Concs and party rates

Danny La Rue, Peggy Mount and full supporting company.

READING: Hexagon (0734 591591). Cinderella. Dec 17-Jan 12. Mon-Fri at 7pm, Sat at 8pm (also 8pm Jan 10, 11); matinides Mon-Fri at 2.30pm until Jan 4. Sat at 4.30pm, and at 1pm and 4.30pm Dec 31, 1pm Jan 7-9, 4.30pm Jan 10, 11. No perf Dec 23, 25, 30, Jan 6. E3-£4,50. Concs and party rates David Copperfield, Roger de Courcey and Nookie Bear, Felix Bowness, Bella

SALISBURY: Playhouse (0722 20333). Dick Whittington, Until Jan 28, Mon-Sat at 2.20pm and 7.15pm until Jan 5, then Mon-Sat at 7.15pm; matinière Thurs and Set at 2.30pm. No perf Dec 25. 52.40-£4.20. Concs and party rates Traditional pantomime by Henry Marshall.

SHEFFIELD: Crucible (0742 79922). Aladdin, Dec 26-Feb 2. Dress rehearsal Dec 24 at 4pm. Mon-Sat at 2.30pm and 7pm; Jan 16 at 10.30am, Jan 7 at 7pm only. 62-64-50. Cones and party rates John Morley's traditional pantomims with Tracia Bennett, Mike Newman, David Ross.

SOUTHAMPTON: Nuffield (0703 555028). The Gingerbread Man. Until

Jan 5. Mon-Set at 3pm and 7pm. No parts Dec 24, 25, £3.50. Conce and party rates. David Wood's show for children and SOUTHEND: Cliffs Pavilion (0702

351135). Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. Dec 17-Jan 12. Mon-Set at 7.15pm (not bec 31); matthées Dec 18-22, 26-29, 31, Jan 1-5, 7, 9, 10, 12 at 2.15 pm. No perfs Dec 24, 25. E4-E4.50. Conce and party rates Ken Goodwin, Donina Freeman, and the sets and costumes from last year's West End production.

SOUTHPORT: Theatre (0704 49404). Aladdin and his Lamp, Dec 21-Jan 25. Mon-Sat at 7.15pm; matthese Mon-Sat at 2.30pm Dec 22-Jan 9, then Wed and Sat at 2.30pm, £2.35-£3. Cones and

Party rates
Tommy Trafford, Johnny More, Linda
Lee Lewis, Keith Hopkins, Ronnie
Partiell, in a traditional show

also on Jan 22, 23, 25, 29, 30 at 10,30am, £3,25-£3,75. Cones and party

rates New Christmas play by Peter Terson, suitable for children over five and

Mother Goose, Dec 17-Feb 2. Mon-Sat at 7pm; matinées daily during school holidays at 2.30pm, otherwise Wed, Thurs and Sat at 2.30pm, 22-E4, Conca and party rates Stanley Baxter heads the cast of a

WATFORD: Palace (0923 25571). Aladdin. Dec 17-Jan 19, Mon-Fn at 2pm, Sat at 2.30pm, with variations, and Mon-Sat at 5pm, or 5.30, or 6.30, with Spin perfs on Dec 25-29, Jan 1, 12, 19. No perfs Dec 24, 25, £1,50-£5.50, Conce and party rates. Peter John stars as the Dame in this traditional pantomime, which he wrote

WELWYN GARDEN CITY: Carapus West (96 32680). Aladdan. Dec 17-Jan 5. Mon-Sat at 2.30 and 6.30pm, with exceptions. No perf Dec 25. £6. Conce and party rates Tractional family pantomme

WESTCLIFP: Palace (0702 342564), Sugar Bear and the Magic Snowman, Until Jan 5, Peris at 11am, 1,30, 2,30 or 6pm. Mon-Sat. No perts Dec 20 22. £.25-£2.7E

gospel is a perennial favounte.

WORCESTER: Swan (0905 27322). Annie, Until Jan 12. Mon-Sat et 2.30 and 7.30pm. No peri Deu 25. £4. Concs

WORTHING: Connaught (0903 35333). Annie. Dec 24-Jan 19. Mon-Sat at 7.30pm; matinée Mon-Sat at 2.30pm until Jan 12, then Jan 16 and 19 at 2.30pm. E2.95-E4.95. Concs and part

Richard Coleman and Susan Jane Terrer from the transcript by Thomas Mechan, Charles Strouse and

0653). Puss in Boots & The Incredible Ogre. Until Jan 26. Fri and Sat at 2.30 and 7.30pm; also Dec 17, 18 at 7.30pm Dec 26. 27 at 7pm. £2.80-£3.40. Cones and party rates Written by Chris Emmett and Graham Ripley (of television shows Spitting Image and 3-2-1) in a not-strictly

YORK: Theatre Royal (0904 23568). Sinbed the Sailor, Dec 21-Jan 19. Peris at 2, 2,30, 5, 7,30 and 8pm according to the day; one, two or three shows a day, Mon-Sat. No peris Dec 25, Jan 7, £2.25-£4.75. Conce and party rates Serwick Kaler (Dame here for the past seven years) in a traditional show written by Kaler and Andrew McKanon.

THE WEEK

Sport

CLIMAX AT CARDIFF: The Australian Rugby Union team play the traditional end-of-tour fixture against the Barbarians, drawn from the leading players of Britain and France, at Cardiff Arms Park this afternoon. The result will matter less than the quality of the play, with everyone hoping for a fast and flowing game. The whole match is live on 2.

Grandstand, BBC1, from 2.10pm, with highlights on Rugby Special, BBC2, 7.25-8.15pm. **DAVIS CUP FINAL:** Defeated last year by Australia, Sweden's young tennis team will be out to do better this time as they take on the United

States at the Scandinavum Arena in Gothenberg, Leading the Swedish challenge are Mats Wilander, Henrik Sundstrom and Anders Jarryd, with John McEnroe, Jimmy Connors and Peter Fleming countering for America. Channel 4 is providing three days of coverage, starting tomorrow with the opening singles, noon-2.25pm. PRIDE OF IRELAND: Barry

McGuigan, Britain's boxer of the year, defends his British and European featherweight titles against Clyde Ruan of Slough over 12 rounds in the Ulster Hall, Belfast, on Wed. Having stopped his last 17 opponents inside the distance, McGulgan starts overwhelming favourite but Ruan is confident of being able to stage an

he fight is live on BBC1, from 9.25pm LIVE FOOTBALL: Queens Park Rangers versus Liverpool should be a tasty television football dish on Fri, with QPR fresh from their brief filiration with Don Revie and

Liverpool starting to look like

after a wretched start to the

championship contenders again:

BSC1, from 7.05pm. Radio

BRAIN OF SPORT: This year's competition reaches its climax tomorrow when the finalists are Michael Bentley, from Cheshire; Ray Welford, from Staffordshire; and John Wilson, from Liverpool.
The questionmaster is Peter Jones. Radio 2, 6.30-7pm.

THE SNOW-BABY: Alison Ultiay. creator of Little Grey Rabbit and author of a classic book about childhood, The Country Child, was

born during a snowstorm 100 years ago. In this centenary protrait, Denis Judd, her official biographer, explores her strange life and explores are straige in and personality with extracts from her books and previously unpublished diaries. Alson Utiley is played by Elizabeth Proud. Radio 4, tomorrow, 10.15-11pm.

GORMENGHAST: Mervyn Peake's macabre fantasy, sequel to Titus Groan (broadcast last week) with rock star Sting again playing the ruthless Steerpike and a fine supporting cast of Freddie Jones, Bernard Hepton, Judy Parfitt and Radio 4, tomorrow, Mon. 8.15-

JUST RESTING: The new Book at Bedtime is an eight-part adaptation of Leo McKern's autobiography, read by the author. Among the reminiscences of the Australianborn actor whose most famous part is the barrister Rumpole are reactions to losing an eye, working with Sir Ralph Richardson and making a film with the Beatles. Radio 4, Mon-Fri. 10.15-10.30pm.

GBS REMEMBERED: Dame Wendy Hiller has played several of George Bernard Shaw's heroines, including Saint Joan, Eliza Docittie in Pygmallon and Major Barbara in the 1940 film. She talks to Martin Jankins about her relationship, professional as well as personal, with Shaw, whom she first met at the Malvern Theatre Festival in 1936 when he was celebrating his eightieth birthday. Radio 4, Tues, 4.02-4.40pm.



Master of macabre fantasy: Mervyn Peake (see Radio) Auctions

common with Dante Gabriel Rossetti, but Lowry must have

on the fid have become coffector's items. There is a section devoted to records, radio equipment and Christie's South Kensington, 85

Other events BUILD A CHRISTMAS CAKE: There is still time to enter the annual Christmas cake competition at the Royal Institute of British Architects. The challengs is to decorate a cake in the form of a building, or part of a building; entries in past years have included an exploding tower block, a demed glasshouse and an Odeon cimema. The cakes must be edible and there

VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS: A family entertainment featuring the London Festival Ballet, Regency Brass Quintet, ballads, carols, music hall, partomine and Father Christmas. Victoria and Albert Museum, Cromwell Road, London SW7 (589 6371). Tomorrow, 3 pm. Admission TINKLING KEYS: Supper-room cabaret at the plane from Peter Greenwell. After quarter of a century as a plantet and composer,

including a spell accompanying Noel Coward, he has emerged as a polished and stylish solo

intertainer; Coward's songs are

Knightsbridge, London W1 (235 5550). From Mon. Mon-Sat, 10 and 11.30 pm.

high on his repertoirs. •

Pizza on the Park, 11

LOWRY'S ROSSETTIS: You wouldn't think that Laurence Stephen Lowry, the masterly painter of industrial townscapes who died in 1976, had anything in loved Rossetti's work. Christie's have no less than 11 Rossetti's drawings from Lowry's collection for sale on Tues together with other good English drawings. Christie's, 8 King Street, London . SW1 (839-9060). Viewing Mon 9am NEEDLES: Like biscuit tins, needle tins with decorative advertisments

them in the mechanical masic sale on Thurs. There are also old Old Brompton Road, London SW7, (581-7611). Viewing Mon Spm-7pm, Tues and Wed Sam-4.30pm, Thurs Sam-noon. Sale Thurs 2pm.

is a special category for under-12s. Judging is on Thurs. Royal Institute of British Architects, 68 Portland Place, London W1 (580

tree but early arrival is recommended.

FILMS The animal

> Christmas What's your fancy in celluloid animals? This Christmas they come in all shapes, sizes, styles and temperaments. Throughout the country's cinemas you will find dogs, elephants, snakes and tigers animated with old-fashioned Disney finesse. You will find small costumed actors waddling about as the cute. valiant Ewoks - the woodland creatures from Return of the Jedi, now awarded their own starring feature, Caravan of

Courage. If you're 15 or over, you can see Gizmo the mogwai - a lovable bundle of eyes, ears and fur - and his less lovable colleagues in Gremling And last, but far from least, if you live within reach of London's ICA: you can have Bugs Bunny. chomping through carrots and crazy dialogue. Among this menagerie, the

creatures in Gremlins (15) are easily the most startling, "Dad, it's really neat" the young hero cries when given his strange cuddly pet; things are not so neat once the creature spawns spiteful dragon-like louts, who take delight in hiding in Christmas trees, running riot, and generally ruining the festive glow of a small American town on December 24. For those with jaundiced view of the Christmas season, therefore, Gremlins can be confidently recommended.

ment prevails. The bumptious hero of Cararan of Courage (U) might call the Ewoks walking hair-brushes, but he soon discovers their steeling qualities on a rescue mission to find his parents in the Forbidden Land antics of Bugs Bunny, Tweety and Sylvester, the Road Runof the Giant Gorax. The film, co-produced by George Lucas's company, was made for Ameri-can television, and offers little ner, and the wild imaginings of director. Tex Avery; on week-ends at 3pm, the ICA Children's of the visual panache one generally expects from a Lucas production. Fans of the Ewoks, bowever, should be well Bugs Bunny Roadrunner Chase.

Elsewhere, gentler entertain-



Cute woodland creatures: The valiant Ewoks ride out on a rescue mission in Caravan of Courage

But where, you might be

asking, is homo sapiens? Well,

the spoof supernatural thriller

Ghostbusters (PG) features the

likes of Bill Murray and Dan

Aykroyd, though they tend to

get swamped by special effects;

pleased: they toner through the film proudly showing off their shoulder bags, leather headgear and special language, which they seem able to speak without moving their mouths.

Apart from Caravan Courage, the main holiday release for family audiences is Disney's One Hundred and One Dalmatians (U), first seen in 1961; a later Disney, the 1967 Jungle Book (U) is in London.
Dalmatians offers the most fluid and detailed animation. but Jungle Book has the best characters, the bounciest songs and the wittiest dialogue. For those with rowdier tastes.

the ICA in London offers a feast

of Hollywood's most raucous

and anarchic cartoons. Three

daily programmes present the

Cinema Club is also presenting the 1979 spectacular The Great

and the sturdy new version of A Christmas Carol (U) offers George C. Scott on the rampage as the consummate miser. Scrooge. But this is the season for animals. Take your pick. Geoff Brown Ghostbusters is at the Odeon

Leicester Square (930 5111) and on general release; *Gremlins* is at the Warner West End (439 0791) and on general release; One Hundred and One Delmatians is showing in selected areas, coming to London and the south-east from Decemb and the south-east from December 27: Jungle Book is at the Ptaza (437 1234); Caravan of Courage, at present in London, goes on general release from Friday while A Christmas Carol is at the Classic Catyon Street (639 1527) and Classic Oxford Street (636 0310) and in the Cambridge area from Monday. For the ICA Cinema ring 930 3547 or 331 6363. Selected

DUNE (PG) Empire, Leicester Square (437 1234) David Lynch's expensive, impersonal version of Frank Herbert's science fiction classic about war and intrigue on a desert planet; top-heavy with plots, but visually Immaculate. With Kyle MacLachlan, Francesca Annis, THE KILLING FIELDS (15) Warner West End (439 0791)

produced by David Puttnam. directed by television veteran Roland Joffe. Sam Waterston stars as the American journalist covering the Cambodian war; fairly impressive in spurts. A PRIVATE FUNCTION (15) Odeon Haymerket (930 2758) Alan Bennett's first cinema script offers the riotous, rude post-war tale of a Yorkshire chiropodist, a wife with social pretentions, and a pig with no social sense at all.

Directed by Malcolm Mowbray, with a glorious cast: Michael Falin,

Maggie Smith and Denholm Elliott.

Britain's lavish entry into the

blockbuster war-movie arena.

STOKE-ON-TRENT: Victoria (0782 515962). Rumpelstilhakin. Dec 27-Jan 5, Jan 22-Feb 1. Dec 27, 28, Jan 3-5, Jan 26, Feb 1 at 7pm; matrides tiet 17-29, Jan 2, 3, 23, 24, 31, Feb 1, 2 at 2.50pm;

SUNDERLAND: Empire (0783 42517)

Stamey Sexter repairs the case or a fraditional show. SWINDON: Wyvern (0793 24481). Cinderella, Dec 20-Jan 19. Mon-Set at 2.30pm and 7.30pm. Dec 24 at 2.30pm only, no perf Dec 25, Jan 7 and Jan 14 at 7pm, £2.50-£4. Conce and perty rates Don Crann, Roger Dean, April Walker, Francesce Hall, in a traditional show.

E.25-E.27s.
Children's show by Jeanette Ranger and Christopher Lilicrap.
Godspell, Dec 21-Jan 19. Mon-Thurs and Sat at 8pm; Fri at 8.15pm; matinees Jan 9, 16 at 2.30pm. E2.50-E5.
John Michael Tebelak and Stephen Schwartz's musical appropriath to the costell is a personal at browner.

WiNDSOR: Theatre Royal, (075 35 53883). Cinderalis. Until Jan 26. Mon-Sat et 2.30 and 7.30pm. No perf Dec 25, no matinées Jan 14. 18, 21, 25. £2.50-£9. Conce and party rates. Joe Brown, Jass Corrad, Bryan Burdon. John Gower, Melanie Parr and Sneila Mathews.

and party rates Thomas Meehan, Charles Strouse and Martin Charnin's "Little Orphan Annes".

WYTHENSHAWE: Focus (061 437

traditional story, traditionally told.

THEATRE In Preview

THE NATIVITY: One of three idaptations from Medieval Myster: Plays presented this season by the National Theatre. This one and The Passion have been seen before (1980), and they are joined by Doomsday in January, Bill Bryden directs promenade productions credited to the company and writer Tony Harrison. The cast includes J. G. Devlin, Edna Dore, Brian Glover, Howard Goorney, James Grant, Dave Hill, Olu Jacobs, Karl Johnson, Derek Newark, Robert Oates, Stephen Petcher, Trevor Ray, Jack Shepherd. Robert Stephens, John Tams, Don Cottesioe (928 2252). Previews Fri,

Dec 22, 26, Jan 17, 18 at 7.30pm; press viewing Jan 19 at 11am. In repertory.

Openings CIDER WITH ROSIE: James Roose-Evans directs his own adaptation of Laurie Lee's autoblographical study of Cotswold life. Simon Butteriss, Sarah Crowden, Berbara Ewing, Douglas Milvain, Diane Paris, Richard Pearce, Jeremy Swift, Christopher Timothy and Claire Wilhamson. Greenwich Theatre, Crooms Hill. London SE10 (858 7755). Preview on Wed at 7.45pm, opens Thurs at 7pm, Until Feb 9, Mon-Sat at 45pm; matinees Sat at 2.30pm, Dec 26 at 4pm. No perls Dec 24, 25. Jan 1.

CORIOLANUS: Director Sir Pater Hall's illness has delayed the press night of this new production, with lan McKellen in the title role, and rene Worth as Volumnia. Olivier (928 2252). Opens today at 7.15pm: Mon and Tues at 7.15pm. in repertory (returns Jan 7).

KISSING GOD: Phil Young (responsible for the award-winning Crystal Clean), has devised a new play about four young Londoners. He directs a cast including David Samber, Anton Lesser, Kate Locke and Earnes Sue! and Feroza Syall. This is a coproduction with BBC TV. Hampstead Theatre, Sw Cottage Centre, London NW3 (722) 9301). Previews today and Mon at 8pm, opens Tues at 7pm, Then Mon-Sat at 8pm; matinées Sat at 4.30pm.

Christmas shows compiled by Tony Patrick; The Week: Peter Waymark; Theatre: Anthony Mesters

THE ARTS

A Passage to India, Sir David Lean's first film for more than 10 years, opened yesterday in New York to great acclaim with special praise for Victor Banerjee as Aziz and Lean himself

A journey to the centre of the caves

After watching the first public performance of Santha Rama Rau's dramatization of his A Passage to India at Oxford in 1960, E. Mr. Forster, then 81 years old, walked on to the stage to express his pleasure with the performance.

"How good the actors were". said Forsier, "and how pleased I am that there were so many of them. I am so used to seeing the sort of play which deals with one man and two women. They do not leave me with the feeling l have made a full theatrical meal....They do not give me the experience of the multiclicity of life. Forster, who died in 1970,

might be equally pleased by roost of Sir David Lean's screen version, which cites as its sources the play as well as the novel. The film is very much a "full theatrical meal", and it conveys a lot of "the multi-plicity of life", one seldom sees on the screen these days.

Lean's Passage to India, which he wrote and directed, is

by far his best work since The lividge on the River Kwal and Lawrence of Arabia and perhaps film since Brief Encounter.

Though vast in physical scale and set against a tumultuous Indian background, it is also intimate, funny and moving in the manner of a film-maker completely in control of his material. Lean shares with Forster an appeciation for the difficulties involved in coping with the universe.

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novel has acquired as a classic since its publication in 1924. one tends to forget what a smashingly good story it is - a grandly sorrowful muddle that becomes a mystery for the saddest, nastiest of reasons.

Set in the fictitious provincial city of Chandrapore in the 1920s, when the British Raj was being threatened by the Kingpatient Indian: subjects, Passage to India is essentially a story of what can happen as a result of a succession of wrongheaded decisions and dreadful misunderstandings, of trust either given too easily or withheld far too long.

Though the initial scenes are set in London, the film really begins with the arrival in Chandrapore of the uncommonly wise, kind and sensitive Mrs Moore (Peggy Ashcroft), who has come out from England to visit her son Ronny Heaslop (Nigel Havers), the British magistrate, and to chaperon Adela Quested (Judy Davis), the proper Englishwoman to whom Ronny is unofficially engaged.

Almost immediately the liberal-minded Mrs Moore and Adela are upset by the cloistered life of the small, hopelessly genteel British colony at Chandrapore. They are appalled by the attitudes of their compatriots toward the Indians and by the total lack of interest in what Mrs Moore and Adela keep referring to as "the real India".

(Simon Callow) in a masterly

extension of Rousscauesque self-portraiture. It is a deeply

affectionate picture, but its

theatrical vitality derives from a

persistently ironic treatment of

the subject. No such show could

on the iniquities of the theare have been assembled around a harmful effects of theatrical

reau. Comedy accrues to Jean-

Jacques because, in retiring to

totally rustic recluse like

August, this cunning adaptation - the island of St Peter, he takes

of two Rousseau texts offers the the civilized world along with

rare partnership between a him. Hence the books. Hence



The approach to the Marahar Caves: Aziz (Victor Banerjee) offers a hand to Miss Quested (Judy Davis)

They have scarcely settled in at Chandrapore before Adela is speaking about the possibility of adventures", to which Mrs Moore, similarly excited, adds that "adventures do occur, but not punctually".

They refuse to fall into the routine of cricket, polo and afternoons at the club followed by other members of this British station, with the belp of the local school superintendent, Richard Fielding (James Fox), Mrs Moore and Adela attempt to break the invisible raj barrier.

Through Fielding, they meet an eccentric old brahmin scholar, Professor Godbole (Alec Guinness), whose words of wisdom, being inscrutable, they hang on to with delight. and an earnest, eager-to-please young Muslim medical doctor named Aziz (Victor Banerjee), a hard-working financially im-poverished widower who both admires and loathes the British

in Chandrapore.

Aziz, who must be one of fiction's most appealing and brave comic heroes, get carried away by the unexpected friendliness of Mrs Moore and Adela

French director (Jean Jour-dheuit) and a British actor the inspired touch of equipping number of cherries he has him with a zip-up tent, a scene-promised himself, or emerging

break with quotations from

Rousseau's own music, remind-

ing him of the art he abandoned

When it comes to philosophy,

you find him launching into free-associative reverie on the

performance while in the act of

watering his plants, reaching the

conclusion that theatre should

be banned as he is left standing

That example is too crude to

represent the prevailing style of the performance, which takes its

character from Rousseau's own

confessional manner - sounding

off against public abuses with

full philosophic authority, while

frankly exposing his own petty

appetites, gloating over the

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Theatre

Lovable Rousseau on an island of irony

afford, a day-long picnic to the Marabar Caves, always called "extraordinary", though for reasons that no one can

satisfactorily explain. The caves are not beautiful, they contain no sculpture or wall carvings and have absolutely no religious significance. Their importance seems to predate time.

The disastrous consequences of this outing, which occurs early in the film, set up everything that comes after, uproarious, including agonizing courtroom melo-drama during which Aziz is accused of the rape of the once dazzled, now nearly catatonic,

What happened in the Marabar Caves? That question pursued Forster throughout his life, and he always avoided

In Lean's screenplay, which in most ways is remarkably faithful to the novel - it includes large swatches of very funny Forster dialogue - there is no longer much of a mystery. The audience knows, or at least at a small tea party. He invites thinks it knows, exactly what them, along with Fielding and Professor Godbole, to go on an makes poor Aziz's trial even

from the memory of a lost love

Frederick the Great.

pen a high-toned letter to

Mr Callow projects that letter

with all the comic resources of

Victor Borge's articulated punc-

tuation. At other times, testing

out and repeating succulent

seems more thoroughly blan-

keted in solitude than by his

I have never seen a more

impressive demonstration of

Stanislavsky's "circle of public solitude". Nor shall forget his

closing lines: "I had a glimmer

of talent. It came late. It died

early. I am ashamed to survive

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This conscious decision on Lean's part subtly distorts the original, but it also emphasizes. some surprising revelations about Adela. Even more pecu-liar is Lean's decision to withhold from the audience a scene in the novel that explains Mrs Moore's seemingly uncharacteristic actions preceding Aziz's trial. Though he has made A Passage to India both less mysterious and more cryptic than the book, the film remains a wonderfully provocative tale, full of vivid characters, all played to near perfection.

At the film's centre Banerjee's superb performance as Aziz a mad mixture of foolishness, bravery, honour and anger. Judy Davis, the young Australian actress who first caught attention in My Brilliant Career, is far prettier than Forster's Adela, but she has a particular presence - like that of a younger, less abrasive Glenda Jackson - that helps make the film work.

The film's tone is set by the splendid Miss Ashcroft's Mrs Moore, whose self-assurance slowly ebbs as events and life overwhelm her.

Guinness does not exactly underact. There are times when his performance comes perilously close to a Peter Sellers impersonation, but still he is invigorating company. Equally good in less flamboyant roles are Fox and Havers, and the members of the huge supporting

The film contains a rather major flaw, one that keeps a very good film from being great. Though A Passage to India is essentially a dark comedy of manners, Lean sometimes appears to think of it as a romance. In this he is being as wrong-headed as the unfortunate Adela. This is the only explanation for the terrible Maurice Jarre score, which contradicts the images and sounds like a reworking of the music he wrote for Lean's unsuccessful Ryan's Daughter.

This score has nothing to do with Forster, India, the time or the story, but it has everything to do with movie-making in the 1960s, when soundtrack music first became a major element in the merchandizing of movies, including Lean's Dr Zhivago.

Vincent Canby

short, musically-enigmatic set-

ting by Michael Howard of lines

from the "Song of Solomon" in

Latin, the vocal line giving a strangely irridescent glow to the words. With Steven Naylor a

responsive pianist, Mr Wilson'

brought sensitive style and

appealing expression to Schubert's "Litanei" and Wolf's "Nun wandre Maria", and

endowed Britten's arrangement

of three folk songs with vocal

A solo piano assortment played by William Stephenson began with a pair of Scarlatti

sonatas and ended with two

Scriabin studies each invested

with an abundance of express-

and verbal charm.

Philharmonia/Joo

Barbican

It was a clear crescendo mark of an evening. The audience was small and disgruntled; the programmes failed to arrive, having been sent to the Festival Hall in error, and, in their Magic Flute Overture, it sounded very much as if the Philharmonia had gone there too. But by the end, we had heard an exciting if flawed, Rachmaninov Third Piano Concerto, and a performance of Tchaikovsky's Fifth Symphony which will remain in the memory long after the rest has

The real sensation should doubtless have been the London concerto debut of the 24year-old pianist, Hai-Kyung Suh, Born in Korea and trained in the United States, she has been carrying the Rachmaninov about in her suitcase ever since her second prize at the Munich Competition last year popped her on to the world map. Her obvious deep involvement in the work infuses it with a freshness and electric energy which has earned her high praise. But I wonder if it really

does suit her so well? The most distinctive, and beautiful, aspect of her perform-ance was its slinky, sinuous its deliquescent phrase shaping, its glistening prestissimo figuration. These qualities charged her rubato with instinctive musicality; but too often there was simply not the resonance, the breadth of either volume or interpretative vision fully to support and sustain it. Too much, and too much that was excellent, faded into middle distance. It is all a question of scale: at the moment the virtuosity of the performer - because it is stretched to the very limit dominated the virtuosity of the

Three of the first six beneficiaries of Young Concert Artists Trust, modelled on an Ameriflourished for the past 20 years, reflected some of the amazing talent among young British musicians at their "presentation concert" on Wednesday. The trust, with Sir Kenneth Robinson as chairman of a musically distinguished board of directors, and with charitable and business support will choose artists of international calibre at annual auditions to manage and guide "until ready to be taken

Concerts

In a shared programme of about 30 minutes for each performer, Caroline Dale's cello

Arpad Joo, who conducted, is barely more familiar to London audiences. If his account of the Tchaikovsky is anything to go by, then the Budapest Symphony Orchestra, to whom he has just been appointed principal guest conductor, have struck very lucky.

Hilary Finch

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Nun in wonderland

Television

all she wanted to be was a nun. Her family - her father especially - did not approve, but she left Sicily for the convent: "It was like boarding a train that would take me to wonderland. She has been in wonderland for 35 years and still finds it an adventure, she said in BBC 2's Italians, produced by Anne Webber, last night.

There are 150,000 nuns in Italy, so it seemed reasonable to rather nonplussed. focus on one of them. Appropriately, The Sister of Spoleto was a comparatively subdued programme for this excellent, volatile series, though the phrase "quiet as a nun" would not be entriely apposite for the good sister. She confessed as much:

When I was a novice, I was a disaster, I was always the one to break the rules, especially the rule of silence. I could never keep quiet. I couldn't even understand why I had to." Her superiors obviously

considered that, just as poachers are said to make good game-

When Genovesta Cali was a girl, keepers, talkative nuns are the ones to impress the virtues of silence on others. So Sister Genovessa is now a novice fare atm

Her six charges seemed to bear the disciplines lightly and there was much laughing and joking in addition to be expressed simply and without with it, I thought the teenagers brought in from Spoleto to find out how the nuns live looked

Sister Genoveffa herself isolated from the world She is a social worker and psychotherapist as well as a counselling a married women and a young couple and visiting a mental hospital for women where she used to work.

happy woman. "A true vocation is like a dress that fits you well, you feel wonderful in it", she had explained when talking about her charges. It applied to her absolutely.

Dennis Hackett

Radio

Dr Johnson's two faces One event has left its mark on "On his death he made a

two networks this week: the bicentenary of the death of Dr Samuel Johnson, and two things puzzle me in this matter. First the nit-picking, pedantic, fussy little question of why neither of them managed to transmit their celebratory programmes on the day itself, namely December 13. Radio 3 chose the 11th, Radio 4 the 12th although at two hours the latter's offering was so very, very long that it missed running over into the proper day by a mere 105 minutes. Ah well, radio has always been slightly latitudinous in the next matter of anniversaries and I am resigned to the discovery on opening the next edition of Radio Times that they have decided to commemorate the birth of Christ on December 23. It is after all an approximation The other question, adum-

brated in my remark about its inordinate length, is why Radio 4's A Life of Johnson (a Kaleidoscope special compiled by John Wilders and produced playing at 19 was of a character reminiscent of Jacqueline Du by John Powell) conveyed a hazier and less remarkable Pres at that age. Her main work with Walter Delahunt as planist portrait of the great man than Radio 3's Samuel Johnson 1709-1784 (producer Philip French). The first of these was the Shostakovich D minor Sonata, in a thoughtful and perceptive performance highighted by resourceful technique surely had all the ingredients of in wildly dancing second movememorable success - the full radio-dramatic armoury, a mosaic of scenes from the life, a ment, and a quiet eloquence of feeling in the Largo, further brilliance being saved for rich weave of sound effects carefully chosen to suggest 18th-Timothy Wilson, once a century London, a parade of Winchester Cathedral chorister Johnson's contemporaries. It all gramophone as well as sounded very lively and authliturgical distinction, and now a entic: indeed if Johnson recounter-tenor of true tonal tained his Staffordshire accent, beauty, included among his then David Buck who played him, made it authentic in that items the first performance of Cantiones Iudithae. This is a

respect as well. By contrast, Radio 3 gave us a perfectly straightforward assembly of utterances by scholars and others, rather flatly presented by Professor Christopher Ricks. They told us about the shortcomings of Boswell's wellknown portrait - what facets of its subject it had underplayed or omitted altogether. We learned of his strong but undemonstrative religious feeling, his lifelong martyrdom to melancholy, his standing in his own times and today. Strikingly, these men and women spoke of him more than anything as if he were a man they had known personally and who had died only yester-Noël Goodwin day - to the extent that Hamilton's famous epitaph -

chasm, which not only nothing could fill up, but which nothing has a tendency to fill up" seemed to epitomize their own feelings too. The same epitaph turned up

on Radio 4, but there it sounded empty, Indeed, at no time, did A Life of Johnson capture and transmit this sense of the living man and I am really hard put to it to say why not. Could it have been quite simply that Mr Buck's accent convention? Or that his expansive rendering of the part repeatedly conjured up not Johnson but Falstaff, whom he has also played on radio? Are huge dramatic compilations not very good at living portraits unless the compiler is also a dramatist of considerable ability? Was there too much in text and production of the times and not enough of the life ...? Whatever the explanation,

Johnson's anniversary has come and gone. Meanwhile, the miners strike continues, may even reach an anniversary of its own and radio might be forgiven on this occasion if, without awaiting the day itself, it had already set up as allembracing an examination of that conflict and its background as it has just given to the life of the great and long-dead lexicographer. While we wait for that it has fallen to Ray Gosling on Radio 4 and a Mrs Janet partially to repair the omission. Mr Gosling in Behind the

Brazier (December 9; producer, Liz Carney) spent time at Cortonwood where the trouble all began, while in A Lady in the Valleys (December 5 and 9) Mrs Arnold, a Winchester housewife, went with Peter White (whom Radio 4 listeners will know as the sharp and courteous blind presenter of the programme for the visually handicapped, In Touch) to the small Welsh mining town of Hirwaun. It was a thoroughly original and useful idea on the part of Solent to send a perfectly ordinary, middle-class, South of England lady and a very adept professional proadcaster to see a part of the battlefield for themselves and after four or Arnold spoke the truth when she said that she went home with a few of her ideas

David Wade

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Record day

The pound gained 20 points to \$1.1920 against the dollar yesterday, although its general tone was week. At noon, the

sterling index dropped to 74.1,

close it its record low of 74.0.

before recovering to 74.2 by the

close, which represented a fail of 0.1 on the day. The pound

lost 0.4 pfennigs against the mark, at DM3.6895. The gold

price fell \$2.75 on the day, to

The stock market shrugged off uncertainties about the pound, The FT-SE 100 index

the day. The FT 30-share index

Intasun Leisure, the package

holiday group, made pretax profits of £16.5 million in the

six months to September 30

against £20 million in the previous first half. The interim

dividend was raised to 2p net

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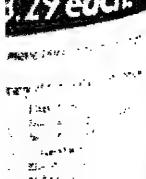
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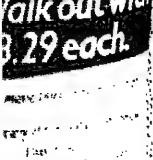
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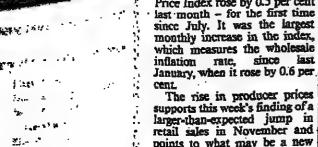
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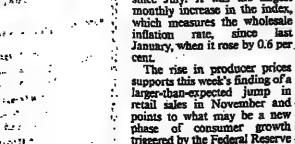
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David W.

supports this week's finding of a larger-than-expected jump in retail sales in November and points to what may be a new phase of consumer growth triggered by the Federal Reserve Board's casier monetary con-

Industrial production of consumer goods rose by a full one per cent last month, largely on the strength of a sharp rebound in cars which increased by 7.5 per cent.

y 7.5 per cent. Meanwhile, business arventories increased for the sixteenth consecutive month rising by 0.8 per cent of \$4.7 billion in October.

The rise in production, retail sales and prices after a big drop in the unemployment rate last month leads many to conclude that the economy, which has been in a sharp slowdown in recent months, is still on a

FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

A rare atmosphere at the equity peaks

The soaring rise in share prices yesterday took the indices to new closing peaks, the FT 30-share index was 7.8 higher at 935.4 and the FT-SE 100, in which British Telecom weighs an influential 5.5 per cent, closed 8.1 up at 1204.8.

The recent performance has confounded almost all professional forecasters who had expected the bull market to end in tears months ago. They are still not entirely happy, though their misgivings, for the time being are reflected in the relative performance of gilt-edged securities, not in a firm disposition to sell ordinary shares.

The causes of unease cannot be shrugged off lightly. The pound is in poor shape - never a healthy sign. Oil prices are weak and threatening the free fall which Sir Peter Baxendell, of Shell, spoke of at the end of last week. Wall Street is wobbly. The latest money supply figures (sterling M3 rising by 2.75 per cent and well-outside the target range) have cast a shadow. The only gilt-edged stocks to find favour are index-linked. In other words, not withstanding yesterday's 4.9 per cent rise in the RPI and a lower figure in prospect for December, the professionals smell higher inflation next year.

This fear may be a factor in the strong performance of ordinary shares. Yesterday Imperial Chemical Industries bounced 24p higher to close at a new high of 712p on the news of its \$750 million (£630 million) acquisition of Beatrice Companies' chemicals division. This is ICI's

biggest acquisition for more than a decade. Sentiment is clearly strongly bullish. The easing of interest rates has helped. The weakness of sterling against the dollar continues to provide many companies with strong overseas earnings. There is also a lot of bid activity keeping share prices on the boil.

The really intriguing question is whether there are now forces at work in the market and if so, are they likely to remain. The response to the British Telecom offer far exceeded the most sanguine of expert forecasts. In the short run, money that was not taken up because of the rationing of BT allocations, is looking for, and finding, other homes.

The second phenomenon is serious American interest in British equities. Of course the strength of the dollar has enabled Americans to play the currency ontion for all their worth. But beyond that, there may just be a more permanent conversion to investing here in those companies which have purged themselves of past guilt under Mrs Thatcher's

For what it is worth, in real terms the FT-Actuaries All-Share index was at 100 in 1968; it peaked at 120 in the early 1970s; and is now just, over 80. The real return on assets also tells a similar tale, with the peak returns in the late 1960s and

Conceptually, the market is under-

Distress sale at

November

upturn for

US output

From Bailey Morris

Washington

US industrial production

increased by 0.4 per cent last -

after two months of steady decline in another sign of renewed growth in the economy

At the same time, the

Charter

Charter Consolidated's sale of another tranche of its Minorco holding demonstrates how close is the ill-fated company to disposing of the family jewels to pay the rent. The question now is whether this divestment will be enough, or should we expect a continued erosion of Charter's net worth?

To be fair, and not to indulge merely in kicking a man when he is down, it must be said that Charter indicated three years ago its dissatisfaction with the Minorco holding. While forming a significant part of the company's assets the 9.7 per cent of

Minorco actually generated then a negative yield. A 1.8 per cent stake was sold last year. The seven million shares, about 4.2 per cent of Minorco, sold on

Thursday, were yielding barely 2 per cent-Charter also said this week when announcing its results in the wake of the Johnson Matthey and Cape Industries disasters that asset disposals were under consideration. But the only item mentioned was the property at Ashford, Kent. which is in the books at £6 million.

The caveats duly entered the recent Minorco disposal smacks of a distress sale. The £38 million gross raised indicates an average price of 543p, well below the 605p at which the stock closed on Wednesday Charter must be greateful that the market is generally so strong, but its brokers could not have unloaded more shares without widening the discount. Anglo American might not have been delirious about breaking ne of the cross-holdings which bind it together.

Who will succeed if McMahon goes?

Speculation about the succession to Mr Christopher "Kit" McMahon as Deputy Governor of the Bank of England is concentrated on two internal candidates, Mr Eddie George and Mr David Walker. Mr McMahon, whose five-year term ends early in the New Year, is only 57, and possesses an international reputation for an intellectual understanding of central banking which is an asset to the Bank.

But since he was passed over for the governorship by Mrs Thatcher, there have been rumours that he would choose to leave for either academic or private financial pastures and these have been recently reinforced by rumours that he might be made the politicians' scapegoat for what they see as the Bank's mishandling of the Johnson Matthey affair.

The likeliest outcome is that if Mr McMahon wants to stay, he will survive. meanwhile, there is speculation about another outside appointment to the Bank. But the liveliest debate concerns the relative merits of Mr George and Mr Walker, both executive directors of the Bank and in their mid-40s.

It had earlier seemed that Mr George was easily the front-runner. At the time of the Thatcher Government's worst rows with the Bank, during the darkest failure of monetary control in 1980, Mr George was the acceptable face of Threadneedle Street, liked by the Prime Minister and admired in the Treasury. But Walker has, it seems, been making strides in the succession stakes.

Mr Walker is not man and boy a Bank man; he progressed up the Treasury ladder until transferring to the City end of the

public sector in 1977. Now he is the Bank's articulate operator in the game of change being played out in

the securities market.

Talks continue

on Hambro bid

Mr Mark Weinberg, who

built the insurance group Hambro Life from scratch, was

still locked in talks yesterday to decide the future of the £600

Birt while stocks market

But while stock market rumours continued to link BAT Industries and the American banking group Citicorp most closely with Hambro Life, there was speculation over the future of Mr Weinberg.

He holds a stake worth £10

million in the group and while

any bidder would no doubt be happy to see him carry on in his

present role some sources were

suggesting he may be ready to accept another challenge

STOCK MARKETS

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million business.

But Mr George is fundamentally the stronger candidate; a man of formidable judgment and experience of the gilts market, which beneath his general responsibilities for monetary policy is a central part of his Bank domain. It is Mr George, beyond anyone else in the Bank, who has seen Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton safely along his learning curve as Governor. It would be an unfair quirk of fate that could see Mr George, who has long been talked of as a future internal candidate for the Governorship, lose out to Mr Walker in the competition for

lisher of the Daily Mirror, is being branded a "scrooge" by his printing workers for refusing to give them a Christmas bonus.

The 1,370 employees at his Otherne Sun involve at his Otherne Sun involve at Watford

Odhams Sun works at Watford had been expecting up to £200 each as part of a £1 million handout planned by the parent British Printing and Communi-

But now Mr Maxwell has

decided not to pay them anything because the plant has

failed to meet its profit targets.

Mr Reginald Mogg managing director of Odhams-Sun, said:

"The bonuses are not being paid because the criteria laid

MARKET SUMMARY

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Hanson Trust makes £151m bid for Powell Duffryn

Lord Hanson-looked set last Duffryn's shares have come night to light his second British up sharply this week. They takeover battle in a year as his stared the week ex-dividend at Hanson Trust conglomerate 320p.

lamched a £151 million offer Hanson Trust has held for Fowell Duffiyn, the fuel Duffiyn shares since the sum-distribution group. mer last year. It has sold some

distribution group, mer last year. It has sold some
The bid was launched as the and now owns 3.69 per cent. It market opened yesterday morn-had been expected that Hanson ing and within hours a Duffryn would make a move at some spokesmen said: "This is an stage, but most felt he would unsolicited offer. We are con-wart until after the miner's sulting our advisers; share- strike holders are urged to do nothing."

Lord Hanson has asked to see Duffryn's chamman, Lord Sandon, to discuss the offer. No contact had been made before it

was saunched.

Hanson is offering four of its shares for every three Duffiyn thates. At Hanson's price, unchanged at 289p, the Duffiyn shares are valued at 385p. The shares were standing 35p above. shares were standing 35p above the offer price last night. Hanson says if will make an appropriate offer to preference holders, but has not given a cash alternative.

Fall in food

prices cuts

inflation

to 4.9%

By David Smith

Economics Correspondent

The rate of inflation fell to

4.9 per cent last month, from 5

per cent in October. A larger fall is expected for this months

figure, as cheaper mortgages affect the retail prices index.

by 0.3 per cent between October

and November, taking the index to 358.8 from 357.7.

During the previous six months prices had risen by an average of 0.4 per cent a month.

In November, higher tele-phone charges, the remaining effects of the August rise in

mortagage rates, and increased

prices for newspapers, eigarettes

and imported coal, added to inflation. There was a 1 per cent

fall in seasonal food prices.

partly offsetting these increases

notably in potatoes and other fresh vegetables, with a 0.6 per cent drop in the average price of

alcoholic drinks, as a result of

A drop in the inflation rate

for December is virtually

guaranteed by the 1 per cent average fall in mortgage rates, which will reduce the index by

The Treasury, in its autumn

statement, forecast an inflation rate of 4.75 per cent for the

fourth quarter of 1984. To

achieve this exactly would

require a December rate of 4.3

Britain's inflation rate of 4.9

per cent in November com-

pared with an EEC average of

5.7 per cent in October. The

rate is still significantly above

the United States, 3.2 per cent,

Germany, 2.1 per cent, and Japan 1.9 per cent.

INFLATION RATES (%)

"All October, except United Kingdom

been met. The profit targets

have been missed by a wide

the decision to the work-force,

admitted it had caused "some disappointment." It is under-

stood several other parts of the BPCC empire, Purnells in Bristol, the Chromo works in

the Midlands, and the East Kilbride plant, which prints the

Radio Times, are being written off Mr Maxwell's Christmas list

Last year all employees in BPCC received a bottle of whisky at Christmas. The Year

before bonuses of about £150

CURRENCIES

INTEREST RATES

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Maxwell rules out bonus

Mr Robert Maxwell, pub- down by Mr Maxwell has not

discounting by retailers.

The retail prices index rose



detailed comment." thinking more of integrating our management style."

A statement Duffryn said:

"As the board only received this unwelcome and clearly inad-equate bid this morning, it is

Lord Hanson said yesterday,

"Our reason for acting swiftly is

the recent speculative increase

in Duffryn's share price, an

increase we feel not substan-

tiated by any relevant progress

Lord Sandon: no contact before Hanson bid.

not yet in a position to make a Duffryn last month reported pretax profits down from £6.83 million to £6.05 million. The shipping side showed a loss of £2 million. The news disappointed the market, despite the

maintained. For the previous year Duffryn's profits were £18.3 million, from which it paid total dividends of 16p.

It reported then that shipping

was expected to perform better and engineering continued to improve, but bulk liquid storage was finding hiring of its tankers more difficult. Hanson's profits for the year

the end of December jumped 86 closed at a high of 1204.8, up per cent to a record £169 8.1, after reaching 1207.9 during million in its twenty-first year of trading. Lord Hanson said closed at 935.4, up 7.8 and also then that the Trust will "start a record. the New Year with more resources than ever."

This time last year, it was entering what eventually be-came a £247 million contested bid for London Brick. The final price paid by Hansom was 45

per cent higher than its opening He eventually won the battle March. The acquisition gave him 40 per cent of the overall market and a monopoly in

fletton bricks, Tempus, page 21

Defence firms seek more state backing

gating the possibility of setting up an equivalent of the Export Credits Guarantee Department purely for military equipment

telling the Government for some time that the present British structure for funding and insuring exports is out-of-date, and that multi-million pound deals are being lost to competi-tors such as the US and France,

as a result. They have called for a similar set-up for finance to that in the United States, where, once a sale has been negotiated, the government buys the equipment direct from manufacturers and sells it on to a foreign government. They have also urged that ministers adopt a far more aggressive stance selling

French," said a senior aerospace executive yesterday. "A mission of industrialists will often be lead by a minister, who really does go out and sell. That would be anthinkable in this

The Government is investi- Secretary of State for Defence,

in 1964 to \$366m in 1983.

Total British defence sales

made and urgent and man-nounced visit to Saudi Arabia on November 17 to try to head off French competition for a £1 billion contract that had been Defence companies have been under negotiation by Britain for several months. It is for the sale of 40 Tornado aircraft, Hawk

trainers and services. Figures from Stockholm International Peace Research Institute show the dramatic progress made by the French in the past two decades, followed closely by the West Germans and Italians. Its figures show that (in 1975 constant US dollars) British sales of all main weapon systems to the Third World went from \$179m

France, however, leapt in front, by going from \$137m to \$1,017m, whilst the US increased from \$372m to This has been a forte of the The Germans also overtook Britain, with sales that went from \$26m to \$470m, whilst Italy increased from \$20m to

That lesson appears to have are expected by the Govern-been rammed home recently. ment to be worth £2.6 billion in Mr Michael Heseltine, the 1984/5.

Telecom hits BSA receipts

By Richard Thomson

Withdrawals of deposits by investors in British Telecom shares cut building societies' net receipts in November to £363 million, compared with record inflows for October of £1.1 billion. The decline, represent ing a loss of deposits of about £500 million, was about £100 million greater than expected.

October's figure was inflated by people "parking" their money in building societies before applying for Telecom shares. November's figures are usually depressed for seasonal reasons but were further hit by cuts in deposit rates during this month, the Building Societies Association said. However, Mr Richard Weir,

secretary general of the BSA. said the societies expect to regain some of the lost funds this month as cheques are returned to investors who did not receive as many Telecom shares as they requested. They also expect deposits from people seiling their shares. The societies anticipate inflows of £600 million to £700 million in

Despite the reduced receipts. mortgage lending in November remained almost unchanged support oil prices.

from 1.8p. Tempus, page 21 Phoenix slips

Profits dip

Phoenix Timber is to pay an unchanged interim dividend of 1.5p for the six months' trading 1.3p for the six months trading to September 30, after pretax profits slipped from £527,000 to £427,000. Sales totalled £22.8 million, nearly £2 million down on last year's £24.4 million. Phoenix is not making a profits forecast for the full year, but avers that the downward moveavers that the downward movement in interest rates, if sustained, should boost the construction sector's confi-dence. The board sees the interim figures as satisfactory.

Johnson vote

Tempus, page 21

Employee shareholders at Johnson Group Cleaners voted overwhelmingly against the proposal to amend the company's articles of association to enable employee shares to be transferred. The defeat of the proposal at yesterday's extraordinary meeting is a blow to Nottingham Manufacturing, the textile company which is bidding £44 million for John-

Oil pricing

The Select Committee on Energy believes that the Government has a policy for North Sea oil prices, contrary to an impression given yesterday. It also said it would be unacceptable for the Government to continue finanial support for the British National Oil Corporation unless it was prepared to use BNOC to



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Reed Publishing Mr William back down to around 110." Şir Samuel Montague Michael Palliser, has been elected chairman of Samuel International Business Machines was up 1% to 118%: Montagu and its parent com-pany; Samuel Montagu (Hold-ings) Gadd. The following are new appointments to the board of Samuel Montagu Holdings: Wilks has become commerical General Motors up 1/8 to 741/8 Digital Equipment op 1 at 10346 Union Carbide up 4 to 37% Honeywell up 4 to 59; General Electric up 4 55% Peabody International: Mr E Gordon Reeves is named marketing directore of European Exxon up ¼ at 43¼ and Merck up ½ at 89%. operations. P-B Securities, Down, de Boer & Duckett, Mr Robert Luetchford has been made CANADIAN PRICES
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Milwaukee 180 off 1½: Dorsey 27 up 1½: American Broadcast-ing 62¼ up 2½: CBS 71 up 2: ASA Ltd 47¼ down 1; Matsu-

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has been appointed a director. or Samuel Montagu Holdings:
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Sheridan and Mr David R assistant director, technology.

Bryant Holdings: Mr Terry Stevens. Mr Sheridan is to be chief executive officer of the Flower, deputy managing direc-tor of Bryant Homes and Mr Ken Harvey, managing direc-

to join the board.

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ICE: Mr Cliff Wyatt has been made marketing director.

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Company: Mr A E Holdsworth

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BASF United Kingdom: Dr Juergen Strube has been appointed to the main board of BASF Aktiengesellschaft from January I. Dr Detlef Dibbern has been made personnel

Aidcom International: Mr Dudley Fishbarn has been appointed a non-executive

Airship Industries: Mr Alan Birchmore has become manag-

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MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

reloney conditions stayed

ession, even though the short-

Period rates, at least at the short end of the market, tended

to soften a shade, although the

level of business was modest.

Overnight money dipped to about 8V-8 per cent on the early

forecast, only to return to an

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opening level of about 9 per cont when the swing against the market was revealed.

However, completion of the Bank's programme of help saw the rate slip to about 5 per cent in final dealings.

Dollar markets traded quietly, with US economic pointers not sufficiently out of line with

EURO-CURRENCY DEPOSITS %

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FOREIGN EXCHANGES

The dollar slipped slightly in late trading on foreign exchanges. It had managed to maintain most of its strength for the greater part of the day,

- showing a rise of 0.5 per cent compared with an expected rise of about 0.3 per cent - brought it back to below 3.1000. The dollar then recovered

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Hanson times its first shot with perfection

usual, superb. It has pounced on Powell Duffryn at a critical stage of the miners' strike and not to tighten. before benefits of PD's threeyear capital programme have any aggregated - \$M3 rose come through. Judging from nearly \$40 billion in November the share price performance yesterday, this is only its first shot. Hanson's equity offer was

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Hanson is making no claims about synergy. Quite baidly it says its own management style can earn more from PD assets. valued at between 3d0p and 400p per share, than the ncumbent management.

Hanson's profits for the year to the end of September jumped 89 per cent in its 21st year of trading to a record £169 million with a market capitalization of £1.7 billion it is now. among the top 20 companies in

The offer is by no means generous. It would give PD an exit price-earnings ratio of about 12 on the basis that profits this year would fall from £18.3 million to about £16.5 million.

PD would give Hanson, now a widely spread conglomerate here and in the US, new businessess of bulk liquid storage and fuel distribution; enable Hanson to tuck some of PD's construction parts into its own stable and precipitate a "for sale" sign over the shipping interests. They are valued at £46 million but would probably fetch nearer 25 million.

it will not be an easy defend for PD. A £15 million right issue this year went on an American acquisition, which has not particularly pleased the market, rather than to cleaning the balance sheet. The company is presently 49 per cent

Federal Reserve

Higher producer-prices and output data than the market had expected leave the Federal. Reserve with some tricky

Hanson Trust's timing is, as policy options ahead of next operation in West Yorkshire sual, superb. It has pounced week's Open Market Com- was badly hit by the miners' mittee meeting - to tighten or

Ballooning broader monet-- may forcast a turning point for the US economy, after the mid-year pause that refreshes. 35p under the PD share price. They could signal higher rates, if only to curb the current account deterioration.

. Hence the fall \$7 billion in \$M-I for the week to December 3 has been largely dis-counted, not least because the next set of figures are expected to be dreadful. Is the US monetary adjustment mechanism working correctly?

Conversely, the Fed is under heavy pressure to ease policy, if to ensure some good growth numbers next year and dent the strength of the dollar, Falling funds rates reduced discount window horrowings may point to another cut shortly in the Fed discount

A sleepening yield curve suggests a sceptical bond market is taking nothing for granted, but no-one knows vhat will happen. Meanwhile, a tough-minded Bundesbank is setting face squarely against inflation. With price rises running at 2 per cent, outstanding growing at 4 pend an October current account surplus of DM6.4 billion, the monetary targets have still been trimmed for 1985 to 4 per cent mid-point. A stable yield curve tells its own story.

Phoenix

It has been a full house of troubles for Phoenix, the resurgent timber group. In the trading period up to the end of September, Phoenix, still heavily dependent on its timber importing side, endured two dock strikes, as well as the sharp drop in construction activity. Higher import costs, as sterling sagged, were also a

The group's loss-making

strike, leaving Phoenix with no other option but closure. Extraordinary charges below the line of £227,000 show the scale of the surgery.

Despite this catalogue of disasters, the underlying Phoe-nix business is probably in quite good shape, witness a mere £100,000 drop in pretar profits to £427,000; a 16 per cent tax charge points to the benefit of previous years'

But the high level of gearing remains a problem. The interest charge, at £934,000, was more than double pretan profits. The shares are not high enough to justify a rights issue, nor low enough to warrant a capital reconstruction.

The shares closed op down

Intasun

After a hair-raising summer, during which a record number of holiday firms crashed Intasun has come through less scarred than some were fearing. Taxable profits in the six months to the end of September were down 18 per cent at £16.5 million on a 43 per cent increase in the number of passengers carried. Margins petitive pricing and no sur charge guarantees in a period of sterling weakness against the peseta.

The outlook for summer 1985 is hardly rosy. Bookings across the industry are down by 30 to 40 per cent, the miners' strike continues and prices for Spanish holidays are up by 20 per cent on average.

This winter will chip in a larger loss than last, at about £4.5 million against £3.5million, as winter sun holidays are selling less well. However, the prospective p/e ratio of just over 8 assuming full-year profits of £12million and tax at 40 per cent, does not make allowance for next year's recovery. The shares rose Ip to

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Institutions' buying spree sends indices to record

By Derek Pain and Pam Spooner

Shares surged to new peaks vesterday as institutional investors went on a pre-Christmas

buying spree.

Best levels were not always held but the two leading share indices finished at record levels

after some often quite hectic

trading.
Imperial Chemical Industries, even more of an American exchange market. favourite after its £630 million US chemicals acquisition, led the way. At one time, its shares stood at 724p, representing a remarkable 36p upsurge. The pace, however, was too hot to

The group has, in recent month become increasingly popular with US investors as its

last and they closed at 712p.

West Country high-technology companies are coming into vogue after the successful launch of Penny & Giles on the USM this week, and one for the future looks to be Phosphor Products which makes electronic display equipment for aircraft and computers. Lyddon & Co, the stockbroker based in Cardiff. resterday placed up to £1.488 million worth of shares privately to fund further expansion, and Phosphor is aiming for a public flotation in the next couple of

American presence has become

Pears.

more apparent. American shareholdings, as represented by the Morgan Guaranty ADRs, now accounts for nearly 17 per cent of the company, worth about £750

British Telecom also made a significant contribution to the market's new high. At one time the shares touched 101 /2p. They then drifted before closing at 101p. There were signs yesterday that the flow of small shareholder selling was drying

BTR continued its recent progress, gaining 18p to 577p. At the close, the FT 30 share index was at 935.4, up 7.8 points, and the FT SE share index was 1,204.8, an 8.1-point

The weight of institutional

money, hopes of lower interest has retired from the East rates, relief over BT and tax cut Lancashire Paper Group scene expectations were the main factors behind yesterday's equity exuberance. It has sold its 13.5 per cent ELPG stake to bidders British Syphon Industries at 100p a But gilts were out of favour, share. BSI now has 39 per cent

in the past week to a new

trading low of 113p, after news

Microvitec is known in

Britain for its success in the

educational market alongside

pirce of 85p in July. Word in the

market is that the company created by Mr Ronnie Monk

will soon reveal exciting pro-gress at its Owl Creek, Colora-

stockbroker to the company

Microvitec has not pitched sales

Elsewhere on the USM, there

touching 480p at one stage.

190p level this year. Interim

results are expected in Feb-

USM only last month, con-

tinues its meteoric rise. The shares jumped another 25p to 225p, satisfactorily ahead of the

Life insurance shares were again strong following the arrival of likely bidder for

Hambro Life Assurance. Sun Life rose 18p to 757p. Guardian

Royal Exchange, which has 10.3

per cent of JLA, slopped 8p to

668p. Charterhouse J. Roth-

24.9 per cent JLA share stake, rose 5p to 100p.

on Christmas trading hopes. Dixons Group, with Currys

Group in tow, jumped 30p to 507p. British Home Stores was

op firmer at 275p and Home

BSR International, the cice

tricals group, held up well following news that sale of its

Swan subsidiary to Pifco wil

not go ahead. Pifco pulled out of the £10 million deal, even

maker is producing results ahead of expectations and

significantly better than 1983"

the day 8p lower at 140p.

BSR shares closed 2n higher at 138p, having dipped to 133p at one time. Pifco shares ended

though

BSR says the kettle

Charm gained 16p to 265p.

Stores shares were bouyant

145p placing price.

Instem, which came to the

million next.

bid talks.

pulled back by this week's of ELPG, Ip harder at 105p. disappointing money supply figures and sterling's continuing Some suffering in vain appears to be going on at Microvitec, the USM-listed discomfort on the foreign computer peripherals group. Its Beer shares were once more share price has dropped steadily

in form with Bass taking up the running again, surging 15p to a 468p peak. Whithread gained of Acorn Computers' with-drawal from the US market, 3p to 217p and Scottish and Newcastle Breweries, ahead of figures, moved ahead 21/2p to 1321/2p. Grand Metropolitan, out of favour for so long as analysis have downgraded pro-fit expectations (the year's results are due on Thursday), advanced 10p to 313p as a large line of shares which have been overhanging the market was

Bath and Portland Group responded to the Whitehali merger all-clear with a 5p rise to 277p. The bidders C. H. Beazer was unchanged at 360p. Trafalgar House rose 5p to

332p despite the disclosure that the Kuwait Investment Office acquired shareholding.
Last month, the KIO said it

had 7.2 per cent of Trafalgar. Yesterday, the stake was down to 6.4 per cent.

The KIO November declaration was made after intense activity in Trafalgar shares. It was the second time the KIO built up a stake in the building. hotel and shipping group, it had a significant shareholding for about ten years before selling out in the late 1970s.

Sir Joseph Causton, the printer, surged 29p to 103p as a takeover bid by the Norton Opax printing group loomed. Norton, which bid for John Waddington before the Robert Maxwell interest emerged, has purchased 21.6 per cent of Causton from Fleet Holdings at

Norton shares rose 3p to 148p and Fleet dipped 3p to

G.M.Firth, the metals group headed by Mr Ian Wasserman,

further investment in new activities to continue to affect investment income. Results for the full year will, therefore, not seach the level of Nevertheless. Monk's workload is holding up well and the poard sees no reason why the leve of dividend for the year should not

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• FOBEL INTERNATIONAL:

 ARCHIMEDES INVEST: Year to October 31. Total dividend 9p (8.61p). Gross revenue £183,057 (£172,790). Tax £46,685 (£43,965).

and cash flow is continuing to improve. The company has now inated net debt and is building meaningful cash balances. With these factors in mind, they believe it appropriate to resume payment of interim dividends:

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Kosh-Teknik, Sp Ord (85s)

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Current account - no interest paid.
Deposit accounts - seven days
notice required for withdrawals. Barclays 6.5 per cent, Lloyds and NatWest 6.25 per cent, Midland 6 per cent, National Girobank 7 per ceni. 'Lloyds extra interest 9.5 per cent. Nat West 8.25 per cent. Fixed term deposits £10,000-£24,999. month 9 per cent, 3 months 9 per cent, 6 months 8.875 per cent. Rates quoted by National Westmin-

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cent on £500 minimum on deposit cent. Investment Account - 11 4 per cent interest paid without deduction of tax, months notice of withdrawal, maximum investment £50,000.

in America solely at the educational market as Acorn did, and will probably sell around 5,000 of its colour display monitors there, out of total 1984 sales of 85,000 or more. The broker still expects the company to make profits of £3.4 million this year, and £5

> National Savings 2nd index-linked certificates Maximum investment £10,000.

was plenty of life in The Body Shop again, the sahre price rising 30p to 455p, after excluding holdings of other issues. Return tax-free and linked to changes in the retail price index Supplement of 0.25 per cent per month up to October 1985 paid to Cecil Gee shares dipped 10p to 180p as the company announced its withdrawal from new investors; existing holders receive a 3.0 per cent supplement V W Thermax, which makes between October 1984 and October 1985 4 per cent bonus if toughened glass for a variety of uses, rallied 18p to 136p held full five years to maturity. Further 4 per cent after 10 years. yesterday. The price has been weak for some time, although Retirement Issue Certificates purthe shares traded above the

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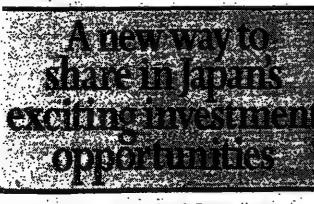
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NATIONAL has agreed to acquire Newstech Communications, for 1.4 million ordinary shares in Powerline with market value of about £3.4 million. Newstech is an advertising tancy, serving the electronics, electrical and computing industries.

WILLIAMS OF CARDIFF: 1500. Turnover 10,300 (15,364). Preux loss 270 (1,596). The closure of the window business has starmched the serious cash losses in the group, the board reports. The directors are now able to turn their full 'attention' to the remaining

full attention to the remaining businesses. The steel business in Cardiff has been reorganized and is now trading profitably, atthough there is still room for improvement.

PORTER CHADBURN: Results for 26 weeks to July 6, No ord div (0.35p). Figs in £000. GRP. Turnover 6,374 (6,305). Pretax loss 217 (178 loss). PINEAPPLE DANCE STU-DIOS: Year to July 31. Div 1.5p (sume). Figs in £000. Turnover 1,729 (1.411). Pretax prft 209 (156).

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INITIALE Half-year to Sept 30. Int
4.75p: (4.25p). Figs in £000.
Turnover 128.869 (108.484). Pft.
before tax 14,373 (13.555). Tax
5.864 (4.740). Minorities 334 (227).
Eps 15.0p (15.9p).
NESCO INVESTMENTS: Halfyear to Aug 31. Figures in £000.
Turnover 2,239 (5.717). Pretax pft.
363 (209). Tax 169 (196). Results
show 2 return to pft. following sale
of all loss-making subs. in Jan, 84.
WILLAIRE SYSTEM: Half-year to
Sept 30. Figs in £000. Turnover

Sept 30. Figs in £000. Turnover 1,112 (1,124) Loss before tax 29 (32) Tax (nil). The better first quarter's trading results could not be maintained in the face of the continuing deterioration in sterling. However, sales for the six months owed an increase over the second half of last year. .

INTERNATIONAL Agreement has been reached, subject to contract, for the sale of the businesses trading as Index Printers and Thomson Photolitio to Ben Johnson and Co.The net book value of the assets being disposed amounts to about £5 million.

COMPANY NEWS TEX ABRASIVES: Int Div. 0.75p (same). Figs. in 2000. Turnover 2.883 (2.703). Pretax profit 167 (163).

• CONTINUOUS STATION-ERY: Six months to September 30, Int. div. 0.45p (0.45p). Figs. in £000. Turnover 1.799 (2.141). Pretax loss 57 (prfi. 160). No tax (83). Loss per share 1.14p (earnings 1.53p). MITCHELL SOMERS: Int.

1.5p (same). Turnover for half year to Sept 29 (figs. £000) 14,709 (13.321). Trading pft. 687 (212). Pre tax pft. 559 (9). The directors believe the results for 1984-25 will be reasonable. Group has performed well in the first six months and the directors are satisfied that the confidence displayed last year when the interim div. was maintained, despite inadequate pfts, has been justified.

● JAMES GRANT (EAST): An interim dividend of 3.125p (1.25p) has been declared. Results for the nine months to October 31 (figures in £000) show turnover of 3.804 (3.625) and pretax profit of 748 (4081. The company's principal activity is now investment in property with saccillary interests in commodity trading, furnishing and a travel agency.

• STEWART & WRIGHT: Results for the six months to September 29 last (figs in £000) indicate turnover of 170 (118). matche turnover of 110 (118), profit before 12x and depreciation of 28 (20) and net profit of 18 (9). Earnings per share rose to 37.02p (18.2p). But no interim dividend is being paid in accordance with previous practice.

GREENE KING AND SONS: Half-year to Oct 28. Interim div. 1.54p (1.43p). Figs in £000. Grp. 1/over 39,710 (36,816). Tdg. pft. 3.486 (3.139). Pretax profit 3.680 (3.440). Trading conditions remain highly competitive, but the board is confident that it will be able to report a profit growth for the year when announcing the results next July.

July.

NTH. MIDLAND CONSTRUCTION: No final, mkg. nil
(0.65p) for year to Aug 31. Figs in
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be maintained.

• ELDRIDGE POPE AND CO: Final 2.8p. mkg. 4.9p (4.25p) for year to Sept 30. Figs in £000. T/over 22.372 (20.190). Pretax pfl. 2.345

© CLUFF OIL: Half-year to June 30. (Comp. restated). No intm, div. Figs in £000. T/over 904 (630). Gross prft. 241 (399). Pretax loss 248 (739).

Interim dividend 0.3p (1.2p) for six months to June 30. The decision to pay a smaller interim dividend was taken with regret. The dividend for the full year will be considered in the full year will be considered in the light of progress to date. Figures in 2000. Turnover 10,398 (16,383). Group pretax 41 (1,212). The results for 1984 cannot be anything but disappointing, the situation in Britain is encouraging. Canada is progressing and with a materializing of the anticipated return to substantial profitibility of the

substantial profitibility of the electronics division in 1985, it ishoped that a return to normal levels of earnings and dividends will be possible, with a resumption of

• IRISH DISTILLERS: Year to Sept 30. Total gross dividend 9.28p (7.94.), Figs in Irish £000. Turnover 184,980 (126,987). Profit before tax 11,226 (9,705). BAGGERIDGE BRICK: Year to Sept 30. Total dividend 25 per cent (21 per cent). Figures in £000. Turnover 8,776 (7,238). Pretax profit 1,596 (837). BRAITHWAITE ENG: Int div 4p

(same). It is the directors' intention, barring unforeseen circumstances. to recommend that the final div for the year be maintained at last year's level. Figs in £000. Turnover 3,391 (3,500). Pretax loss 218 (pft 307). No tax (92).

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1976	132.00	1,944	
1977	145.20	3,760	
1978	214.80	4,368	
1979	230.40	4,472	
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SHARE SWAPPING

Unit trusts out in force to woo **British Telecom investors**

There is no shortage of buyers for your spare British Telecom shares and many financial institutions are keen to offer special deals to those who want to sell-Maggie Drummond has been investigating the unit trust "share exchange" schemes

What are you going to do with your British Telecom shares? Sell them for a quick profit? Hold on to them? Or will you be lured by the unit trust industry, out in force this weekend hoping to persuade first-time shareholders to reinvest the lot

Almost all unit trust groups offer share exchange schemes through which investors can effectively swap a portfolio of individual shares for the equi-valent value of units in a fund

The normal criterion for minimum portfolio size varies from group to group. But several are reducing their minima especially for British Telecom shareholders – partly because the unit trust funds want more British Telecom shares - partly because dealing with one share is administratively cheap - and partly because the Telecom flotation was expected to whet the appetite for other forms of equity

Not everyone agrees with this creation of wider share owner-ship is concerned. British Telecom is a red herring", says

Mr Tony Doggart of Save &
Prosper, S&P will accept a
minimum of 400 Telecom
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155,600 in the present tax year.

But anyone exchanging a
larger portfolio into unit trusts
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Target considers that it will take a smaller number than that investors who want to swap for its Equity Fund. Mr Andrew McKinna of Target says: "We think that first-time shareholders should have the chance to follow one of the fundamental rules of investment and spread their risks by switching money to unit trusts". Other groups shy away from dugging this line because of the

Government's keenness to create and maintain a new class of small shareholder. But by costs will be covered by the unit picking a unit trust group with a trust group but not always. small minimum portfolio or a M&C, for instance, will cover the most modest Telecom holder will be able to effect a

Telecom shareholder is that a funds. on any sale. The disadvantage is ragbag of obscure penny stocks that by going into the unit trust for a unit trust, ask carefully you effectively "lose" between 5 about the precise terms of the



between the unit trust's bid and offer price. And investors should note that a share exchange counts as a disposal Not everyone agrees with this for capital gains tax purposes latter point. "As far as the although this has practical significance only for those with total profits of more than £5,600 in the present tax year.

group can arrange to stagger the British Telecom apart, unit

trust groups report brisk business in share exchange, despite the efforts of stockbrokers to attract private clients. As a general rule shares that holdings in the unit trust funds are exchanged at the full offer price with no commission

be exchanged at the lower bid Usually brokerage and sale special Telecom share deal even selling costs for bargains only in individual shares of £1,000 or more and some other groups have similar rules for shares The main advantage for the they do not want in their own

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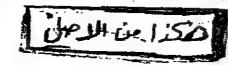
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It is worth taking the trouble to understand capital transfer tax because if you do not you could leave your dependants with a problem.

The latest edition of the Allied Hambro Capital Taxes and Estates Planning Guide is a comprehensive review of all capital taxes, and includes sections on estate planning, tax minimization, drawing up a will, the formation and tration of trusts and a mass of related matter. It is published by Oyaz Longman, and is available price £10.95 from bookshops.

Taxman's interest Has the inland Revenue been looking at

application forms for British Telecom? A reader who prefers to remain anonymous wants to know.
"I applied for British Telecom shares and was allotted 200. On the day the letter of allotment arrived I also received letters that the statement of th

a letter from the tax-man asking if I paid tax, where and when did I file my last tax return. Is this just coincidence?" We do not know, but the inland Revenue does have some unconventional ways of tracking down-tax evaders - including reading the small-ads for holiday lets of country homes, goods sold at auctions and the

Slow broker 🔗

Anyone who is a customer of National Westminster will know that it has an

which produces some of the most -competitive house contents policies available (particularly if you live in high-

sk areas). Or will they? Having recommended the policy to two embers of *The Times* staff, they rang the insurance broking division direct and asked for details to be sent to their home address. Three weeks later they are still trying to find out how to buy contents. insurance - neither have even received an acknowledgement of their request.

£5m target

Last chance to invest in one of the more promising looking Business Expansion companies - Central City Conversions, which buys up property in central London, then converts it into flats. This is one of the less risky areas for BES investment since truch of the company's money is necessarily fied up in an

money is necessarily and up in an appreciating asset.
Johnson Fry is sponsoring the company which qualifies for tax relief under the scheme and has taken in £2.4 million to date. Applications are expected to reach the £5 million target before next Friday's closing date. Details from Johnson Fry, 39 Dover Street, London—WIX 3RB (Tel: 01-499 5066).

No mortgage queues No mortgage queues in 1985 is the message from National & Provincial Building Society which is forecasting ar inflow of funds for the industry over the manager. "Building societies are" determined to be much more competitive In attracting investors' money which provides the funds for loans to

homebuyers."
The review highlights the fact that throughout 1984 building societies ha paid investors a rate of return at least 4 per cent above the rate of inflation. Owner occupation has risen to 68 per cent and mortgage advances of over £20,000 million have been made by building societies. *

Savings gift
The Fund manager M & G is promoting
its regular savings plan as an ideal
Christmas present for a child. You can
start with as little as 220 and add to the orginal sum at birthdays and subsequent Christmases. The plan can be linked to a choice of 23 M & G unit trusts, Details from M & G Group, Three Quays, Tower Hill, London ECSR. Tel: 01-626 4588.

Aid for disabled

Knowing your rights is often difficult - doubly so for the disabled for whom the doubly so for the disabled for whom the social security system is a minefield. The latest edition of the Disability Rights Handbook gives full details of all social security benefits available, including the new Severe Disablement. Allowance, and offers help and guidance on other topics from tex to housing renairs.

The book is available price £2.20 post free from the Disability Alliance ERA, 25 Denmark Street, London WC2.

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"I think something maturing in about 20 years could suit you."

Free tax advice

Specialist tax advice is expensive if you buy the time of an accountant. But you can obtain much free information from accountants' own publications. Two ne booklets from Coopers & Lybrand are Taxation and Farming and Services to

Copies are available to anyone who writes to Coopers & Lybrand, Abacus House, Gutter Lane, Cheapside, London, ECZV 8AH. (Telephone: 01-606 4040),

in spite of the scandals which have rocked Lloyd's of London in recent years, there is no shortage of applicants for membership of the insurance market. But becoming a "name" and risking all in

the insurance market is not for the

fainthearted, says Dearden Farrow, the fainthearted, says Dearden Farrow, the accountancy firm.

"Unlimited Rability is the risk that must be undertaken in order to have the benefits of making personal capital work twice", says Dearden's guide to becoming a member of Lloyd's, Making a Name"

However, the fear of loss has not deterred would-be members. The number of underwriting names has gone up from 18,552 in 1980 to 26,000 by

Copies of the guides are available from Dearden Farrow, 1 Serjeants' Inn, London EC4Y 1JD.

Say it with money

If you have given up trying to think of a Christmas present for a difficult triend or relative, Halifax Building Society is producing Gift Cheques, starting at £5. These can be bought from all branches of the Halifax, regardless of whether you have an account with the society.

The Gift Cheque can be invested in a

The Gift Cheque can be invested in a new or existing Halifax savings account where it will earn interest in the usual way. For children up to the age of 11, a Gift Cheque also means automatic membership of the Little Extra Club which comes with a free pack of goodies including a money box in the shape of a

All the Gift Cheques come in a special presentation card which can be chosen by the purchaser and there are different designs to suit most needs. Details from all branches of Halifax Building Society.

Cash for charity

Free banking

It did not take Barclays Bank long to react to the threat from the Midland

which recently announced free banking for all customers who keep their account in credit. Barclays is offering free banking to all its retired customers who

keeps his or her current account in credit from the quarter which began on Decamber 3. The free banking is not

automatic so, if you are eligible, make sure you apply to your branch. The bank

manager will not necessarily know if you are over 55 or retired.

We cannot all emulate Bob Geldof and his musician friends and raise 21,75 million for Ethlopia, but if you are thinking of making a Christmas donation to a charity, it is worth taking a look at a fresh scheme from Charities Aid Foundation.

CAF has teamed up with Hoare Govett, the stockbrokers, to offer a new portfolio management service on which the income from investments goes to

charity.
The investor adopts an investment strategy to suit his own requirements and the income from the portfolio is sent to CAF (via a tax efficient deed of covenant) for subsequent distribution to the charities of the investor's choice. The investor gets a book of charity cradits which are used like bank cheques and sent directly to the charities.

Details from Hoare Govett Ltd, Heron

credit loans under various

names. It involves making a fixed monthly payment into an

account on which you receive interest of about 7.5 per cent

when in credit. You can borrow

up to 30 times your monthly

payment (usually to a maximum of £3,000) but you will

have to pay over 20 per cent

when the account is overdrawn.

Lastly, building societies like the Leeds and Cheltenham &

Gloucester will grant loans or purposes other than housebuy-

ing. Although these are not eligible for tax relief, they are

still by far the cheapest credit

operation is, that it the garden-ing business does not live up to expectations, (or even if it does) there is no reason why the company should not apply for planning permission and selling the land at a tidy profit House, 319/325 High Holborn, London WC1 (Tel: 01-404 0344). investors' money is backed by the solid asset of freehold land. Minimum investment is £2,500

and the closing date for applications is January 31 (though if enough money comes in before that date, the fund may be closed).

Investors will be eligible for tax relief at their highest rate on up to £40,000 invested in BES schemes during the present tax усаг.

Country Gardens "There has been a rapid growth in the sales of garden products, reflecting the increased amount of leisure time available to the population."

But the crucial line in the prospectus is the one which says: "The directors will pay particular attention to the need to enhance site values".

Copies of the prospectus from Courthand Financial Services, 56 High Street, Esher,

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LOANS Spreading Christmas bills over the year

be substantial. So what are the ways of financing it to reduce The main alternative to the expense to the minimum? immediate credit is an overdraft The simplest way to pay for on which the clearing banks will charge anywhere between 12.5 and 15.5 per cent, depending on Christmas is by cash if you happen to have enough around - although it is neither con-

The alternative is credit, which can be obtained from several sources: credit card companies, banks, hire pur-chase companies and the One way to defer costs is

simply to run up an Access or Barclaycard debt. Unfortunately, it is also expensive. Both companies now charge 1.75 per

The cost of Christmas cheer can a real annual rate of 23.1 per

the customer. There may also be a facility fee for arranging the overdraft of £10 or £20.

Overdrafts look much cheaper than borrowing on a credit card, but banks are not keen to let them run for long periods. And the real cost of an overdraft may not immediately be obvious because as soon as you go into the red you will start paying bank charges.

If your overdraft lasts for cent a month, which amounts to more than a few months the

bank is likely to start urging you to put it on the more formal basis of a personal loan, Most banks are charging an APR of about 19 or 20 per cent.

Banks also prefer to give loans for something specific like buying a car. They are not generally keen to lend for the vague purpose of buying presents. Moreover, though cheaper, bank loans have to be paid off in set instalments over a fixed period.

Cheapest of all, if you can persuade your bank manager, is a loan account which is separate from your current account, but the interest charged is the same as for an overdraft. Most banks offer revolving

available since they are pitched Richard Thomson Surrey, KT10 9RQ. (Tel: 0372 at ordinary mortgage rates.

coming year, at least as high as this year's record £8,000 million. "Mortgage queues are a thing of the past," says Mr Derek Booth, general excellent insurance broking division CREDIT CARDS High cost of convenience

Access brought its interest charges into line with Visa recently - down from 2 per cent per month to 1.75 per cent - just in time to catch Christmas shoppers.

The annual percentage rate (APR) works out at quite a frightening 23.1 per cent al-though this does not appear quite so formidable when compared with the rates charged by some stores and retail chains on their credit cards.

Burtons charges most at 38.5 per cent and Debenhams fares little better with 34.4 per cent

on its Option account. Meanwhile, John Lewis does better than Access and Visa with the 21.6 per cent it charges on its Budget account.

A budget account is one where you agree in advance DOLLAR SPOTNE with the store to pay a certain fixed amount each month - say £20. In ieturn you are allowed to borrow a multiple of this amount, for example 20 times with John Lewis and Selfridges.

You can, if you like, pay off the outstanding balance on these accounts at any time. But they are not very attractive. ways of financing your purchases; the interest rates are high, and, of those stores listed in the and, of those stores listed in the with Access and Visa these give table, only Marks and Spencer you the choice between making

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monthly payments might cre- gether.

It is at least worth knowing, however, that making the monthly payment by standing order does reduce the APR charged by some stores.

For instance, Burton's 38.5 per cent rate tumbles to 29.1 per cent if you adopt the standing order route. Similarly, Marks and Spencer

lops a healthy 4.5 per cent interest off its budget accounts. for standing order payments. Cheaper APRs are usually

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Another variation on the store credit theme is the monthly account this is akin to charge cards such as American Express and Diners Club in that you have to pay off the entire sum owing at the end of each month. Finally, it is worth bearing in

mind the equal liability pro-visions of the Consumer Credit Act 1974. These give you equalrights against the company providing credit where the store you buy at breaks its contract or

For instance, if something you buy is defective then broadly speaking, you would have the same rights of compensation from the finance

These provisions recently proved useful when a cordless telephone dialled too many wrong numbers for finger-slip-

The store's intial reluctance to replace the defective telephone vanished when con-fronted with the information that payment had been made by credit card and the bill would remain impaid when it arrived.

In effect the Consumer Credit Act provisions coupled with payments by credit card give you the vital bargaining weapon of not having paid money at the

The only snag is that the goods you buy must cost at least £100 (and not more than £10,000) for the provisions to apply. This is a single item limit in other words the item in question must cost £100 for you to enjoy the protection of the

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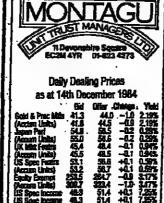
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nia aggravated the tendonitis and consequently had to scratch from the Australian champion-ships — in which Wilander retained the men's singles title. McEnroe is still having treatment and it remains to be seen whether his wrist - and his form - can take the strain in Goteborg, where he will have to play two singles and a doubles. McEnroe has broken even in six matches with the younger Wilander, who is more at ease

on clay but has had only a week in which to adjust from Melbourne and grass to Goteborg and clay.

The other singles players will be Jimmy Connors and Henrik Sundsdrom. The doubales pair-ings are not yet official, but Stefan Edberg and Anders Jarryd will probably be given the chance to beat McEnroe and Peter Fleming again - as they did on a harder, faster court in the United States champion-

Wilander should Connors and may also beat chances. France tried the same McEnroe. But Sweden would thing in Grenoble two years ago still have to win another match and cannot be confident that Sweden, though, look a more Sundstrom or the doubles pair solid team now than France did would oblige. On the other then, hand, Connors, aged 32, is The final features five of the unlikely to be bursting with game's seven most highly energy for his-reverse singles on ranked players and there are



beat that this will improve their

uesday. many unpredictable factors. So
The arena holds almost this could be one of the

was at St Louis in 1982, when McEnroe took six hours and 32 minutes to beat Wilander in a match that clinched a 3-2 win

This is the first time these teams have met in the final. The US won all five of their ties in earlier rounds, the last time being in Sweden in 1978, when the margin was 3-2. That was the last time Arthur Ashe (their captain) represented the United

Kriek fined on the way to victory

Kevin Curren and the local final set. Curren then biasted his fayourite John Fitzgerald will meet way out of trouble to force the tie-in the other semi-final after nail- break, which he eventually, won-

a casualty The Lawn Tennis Association announced yesterday that the proposed men's indoor Grand Prix

Bournemouth

tournament at Bournemouth, from February 25 to March 3, has been representation of the process of the process of the control of the process of the

Moreover, the LTA now back a scries of satellite (minor) pro-fessional tournaments that provide British players of both sexes with more competition than they could hope to get from more distinguished events. The LTA had to exercise discretion in funding tournaments from which overseas players are the chief beneficiaries in every sense.

Promotion for two Two of the all-England tennis club's senior executives were promoted at the annual meeting in

ondon, Richard Orier becomes the championships director and Tony Hughes financial director.

In the other match, Glasgow travel to Gateshead to face the Anglo-Scots. Of particular interest will be the performance of the B players Sole and Cunningham to the Anglos', front row and their full back. Hastings. Glasgow, with McGuinness and Beattle returning from international duty, are hoping that they can couple the fire and dury displayed against Australia piayed against Australia with a little more poise and scoring

RUGBY LEAGUE

GB record at stake in France

Great Britain . Netherlands.....

Great Britain teams figure in two internationals being played within 24 hours in France this weekend. Today at Aussillon. Their colts play France colts, and tomorrow at Albithe Under-21 side meet France Under-21, who will be trying to win for the first time at this level, which have replaced the former Under-24

Although Great Britain won the recent game at Castleford 24-8, France are bound to lift their game

referee, Ronnie Campbell, will be in charge. Past international matches between the countries have swung France's way often through less than

Great Britain should win both matches if the new coach, Maurice Bamford instructs his charges to

The outstanding championship match is at Craven Park, where Hull Kingston Rovers can overhaul St Helens, who have no game, by Helens, who have no game, by beating another championship-challenging team, Oldham, Widnes will be without Sorenson, who is

SWIMMING

Gross set to be the star By Athole Still

opens with its most important match when the Europa Cup cible in their respective sections, as they have always done in the past.

British teams have never dis-tinguished themselves in this event, having rarely finished in the top three, and their task this year is more daunting than in the past, with

RUGBY UNION

Australians hold out promise of an extravagant finale

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

opportunity to show Britain what a joyous game rugby can be when they play the Barbarians in Cardiff today. has been an immensely successful tour. The curtain descends, too, on some distingished names - Slack, the captain, Ella and Hawker are among those who may not lighten the international stage again. This will be no fun-run, however.

The Barbarians were conscious, when they selected their team, of the need for players who would contest the loose ball and put the Australians under pressure. The prestige of the game in Britain and Ireland has receded steadily during this tour and the Batharians may be this tour and the Barbarians may see it as their mission - as they did against the 1961 South Africans, unbeaten before their Barbarians game - to restore perspective.
It must be doubted whether, after

only two training periods together, after only two training periods together, they can match the team and individual skills which the touring side possess, but they may be able to frame at least an acceptable response to the toast of running

Scots will

do well

to hold on

By Ian McLauchlan

For the second week in succession

For the second week in succession Murrayfield plays host to a team from the southern hemisphere as today Scotland's schools On Wednesday the New Zealandets ran in eight tries on their way to a 40-3 win against a Scottish schoolboys' district XV and today the senior side will have their work end out to

district XV and totaly the senior side will have their work cut out to hold their visitors. The New Zealanders showed great maturity in the district game with a powerful forward display supported by some fast, inventive back play.

in the senior ranks the focus will

be on the two district championship games. South, outright winners last year, play Edinburgh at Netherdale, Galashiels. There are many fascinating personal duels in prospect as Scotland's wingers of last week. Baird and Steven, are in direct opposition, as are the centres. Robertson and Kennedy, It is hoped that the wingers show a little more enterprise today as Selkirk's explosive winger, Tukalo, is also playing.

Up front the Borderers seem to

Op from the sorocres seem to have the edge in all departments but it will be particularly interesting to watch Turnbull and Hogarth in the South's back row. Both are very fast all-action players, the latter being the best flanker I have seen in Southard this season.

Scotland this season,

The Australians have one final opportunity to show Britain what a opportunity to show Britain when the saide which scored three tries no doubt, too, that good performances the Barbarians are shown the Barbarians are sponsored now, by Wang, the opportunity to show Britain what a opportunity to sh to a side which scored three tries and was illuminated by the skills of Bleddyn Williams. Times have changed; even the Barbarians are sponsored now, by Wang, the companier company, on this occasion, but their desire to represent what is best in the game remains. indicate that his running skills have not withered in the shadow of productive boot. Earlier this season, Davies was a

In subsequent meetings the Barbarians won in 1958 (11-6) and 1976 (19-7), the Australians in 1967 when they scored five tries in the 17-Earlier this season, Davies was at his best for Cardiff against Bristol, weaving like the wind in a comfield of Bristol defenders. It should be remarked that Ella's particular genius is in the provision of the early ball and instinctive support. ancelled because of snow but today's match at the Welsh Nations Stadium seems certain to conclude carry dall and instinctive support, rather than as a creator of outrageous breaks. The contest between these two will have an added piquancy in the light of Davies's points win in Cardiff's colours early in the tour.

There is also the planear of the

the tour on an enthralling note.

"We are going to play a more extravagant game", Alan Jones, the Australian coach, said yesterday. Their approach so far has not been ungenerous, producing 45 tries – 12 of them of internationals – so it will be instructive to act them. be instructive to see them bare their souls today; to see Ella weave his magic on one final occasion, the strength of Gould, the intelligent support of Poidevin, the immense physical presence of Williams and

Gareth Davies has taken over the captaincy of the Barbarians after the withdrawal of Deans, so he is well placed to bring out the best of an

Barbarians

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England's selectors, who plan to announce the side to play Romania after the South and South-West

after the South and South-West have played the Romanians on New Year's Day, visit such diverse venues as Gosforth (v Nottinham). Twickenham (Harli quins v Bath) and Gloucester (v Coventry) today (David Hands writes).

The divisional side, which is not expected to show many changes from that which drew with the Australians, should be known next

weekend and Bath will have several

side who give a debut to Fletcher, the former England School captain and Waterloo stand-off half,

From Sydney Friskin Karachi

Great Britain, after their success

at the Olympic Games in Los
Angeles, won their second bronze
medal by defeating Netherlands
decisively in the Champions Trophy
tournament here yesterday.
This is the third successive
victory for Britain over the Dutch.

They beat them 4-3 in a group match at Los Angeles and 3-2 in a quadrangular tournament at Willes-

den in October. Yesterday's win.
despite the improvement by the

nary match are best told by Bernic Cotton, the team manager, who was captain of the British team that won

that bronze medal at the first Champions Trophy tournament in 1978 at Lahore. "We took the game by the scruff of the neck and built a comfortable lead but, as usually happens, we ran into problems in the second half.

"I knew that they would come at

us. hit us and shout at the umpires, and they did just that. In the end the injury to Danny Bhaura and the sending off of Sam Martin had a sobering effect. I brought the 1978

bronze medal with me to show the

Horacio Servetto, the Argentine

umpire, offered his own philosophy: "the Dutch started the match 10

lads what we were playing for."

Dutch, was not unexpected.

play a Harliquins

(Nottingham and England) W.A. Anderson

(Cardiff and Wales) Gallion

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score over the rest SIDELINES

There is also the element of the unexpected which the Frenchmen, Blanco and Gallion, may provide.

But it has been Jones's forte on this

tour that he has prepared his teams to take on the opposition where they believe themselves to be strongest. This Australia team is well-

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Bath, who have Palmer at stand-of half at the expense of Horton.

Another potential England back, Andrew, who played such a fine game for Cambridge in the University match, appears for Middlesborough against Waterloo.

have a fitness check on a back strain

before a game in which Leicester are already without five internationals.

minutes late." In that time Britain established a 3-0 lead, the onslaught

starting with goal in the third minute by Kerly from a pass by Bhaura. Two minutes later Cattrall

released a fierce shot from a short

corner, bringing about a scramble from which the ball came back to Cattrall from Leman. Cattrall

The tostering Dutch defence came

to grief again in the tenth minute when Duthic ran through, with

Bhaura in close support, to score the third goal. Except for one threaten-

ing run by Diepeveen who was checked by Taylor, nothing was seen

of the Dutch as an attacking force in

the first half. In the second they became more positive and were encouraged after Van Grimbergen reduced the lead in the 47th minute

but the Britrish defence gave little

GREAT BRITAIN: I Taylor: R Cattrali, S Mertin, J Potter, D Fazikner, W McConnell, K Bheura (sub: R CRM, R Leman, (sub: J Shaw), S Kerly, N Hughes, J Duthle: L Bos: R Klassen, K Kossen, B Vantettsleinburg, H J Koyman, R Steens, A Den Hartog, C J Diepewen, R Vokera taub: E Parieuleg, R J Heyn, M Van Grimbergen.
UNPRESE D Meredith (Australia) and J Benko (Spalin).

Australia retained the trophy by defeating Pakistan 2-0 in the final match of the day before a crowd of

авоці 25.000.

finished the job

Australians

TODAY'S TEAMS AT CARDIFF

Full back

Right wing

Left centre

Fletcher's first match

HOCKEY

Gordon Allan

much handled about and it makes
me measy. It begs a tumber of
questions. Are they sports played by
a minority? Watched by a minority?
Sports in which no majority could
possibly take an interest? Or have
the media, with no warrant in fact,
morely tabelled certain sports
"minority" as an excess for
them so that they can give yet more
coverage to sports that already
receive too much."

I have no intention of trying to
answer these questions. You can
answer these questions. You can

answer these questions. You can answer them yourselves according to your own prejudices and opinious. But I would suggest that "minority" is a dubious word anyway and, like "time public interest", a concept too sweeping to be trusted.

If you take 10,000 people and find that 4,999 play a particular sport, does that make it a "minority sport"? Arithmetically, yes. The other 5,001 must be superior persons, if you look at the matter from the standpoint of those woolly thinkers who believe in such things as "minorities" and "the public thinkers who believe in such things as "minorities" and "the public interest". But I would say that 4.77 is still a number large enough to justify calling any sport that they all play not "minority" but popular.

These are riddles. I profer hunches and feelings, and one of them is that you are more likely to find the love of sport in its purest form among "minority sports" than among the rest. form among "mi among the rest.

Not embraced by the bitch-goddess

"Minority sports" have not had millions of mostly superfluons words written about them. They have not embraced the bitch-goddess, television. They may secretly hanker after an "image" but know they will never get one - and should be grateful for being spared it.

For 13 years I have been absorbed in a "minority sport" - bowls. There is, of course, nothing "minority" about it. Handreds of thousands of people of all ages play it all over the world. It is a true majority sport. But the "minority" label continues to be hung on it.

nog on kt.

Not much is written about howls, and although it has dallied with the bitch-goddess, you could hardly say they have falkes in love. There is plenty of optimistic talk about it growing and interpretate of the continuation of the contin growing and prospering on tele-vision, as snooker has done, but I doubt whether that will happen. The nature and time-scale of the game are scainst such exposure. It will probably have to rest content with what it has.

what it has.

In one way I am sorry, I would like to see its competitiveness, artistry and charm given broader recognition and the misconceptions

about it removed.

(Other "minority sports" doubt-less wish the same for themselves.
But in another way I am glad. It remains an unspoilt game, played by a luge "minority."

Northampton are able to restore Poarce, the England prop, against Wasps after a six-weck absence but Leicester have a doubt about Hare for the third-round cup rehearsal the full back will Phillips record

The Hereford forward Stewart 95 consecutive League appearances when he leads the fourth division side's attack against Halifax today.

BOBSLEIGHING Phipps can

defy

handicap From Chris Moore, Igis Nick Phipps is on the brink of

completing a notable double at the British championship, sponsored by Allied Steel, in Igls this weekend by adding the four-man title to the two-man event he won in Winterburg last Sunday. But the 32-year-old Londoner is faced with the prospect of being without his brakeman, Alan Cearns, for today's first two laufs on the 1976 Olympic track near Innsbruck.

Cearns, a former schoolbox International sprinter missed yester-day's final two practice runs after suffering a groin strain on Thursday. He will undergo a fitness test this morning, but is given a less than even chance of being able to race.

Phipps, who has been using Martin Dews as a replacement for his regular crewman Paddy Bredin all week, had to draft in the Swiss bobber, Danial Hitz, to make up his crew vesterday. However, Bredin flew to Australia from Heathrow to join the team last night. Meanwhile, the defending champion. John Deere was half a second slower than Phipps on his final practice run yesterday.

The final build-up was marred by the first serious accident of the week, with the young Swiss driver, Fritz Ludi, being flown by helicopter to hospital in Innsbruck after crashing and suffering severe facial injuries.

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BARBARIANS TO FIELD **BIONIC MAN AGAINST AUSSIES?**

The association of computer giant Wang with the Barbarians vs Australians match today has raised questions in

rugby circles.

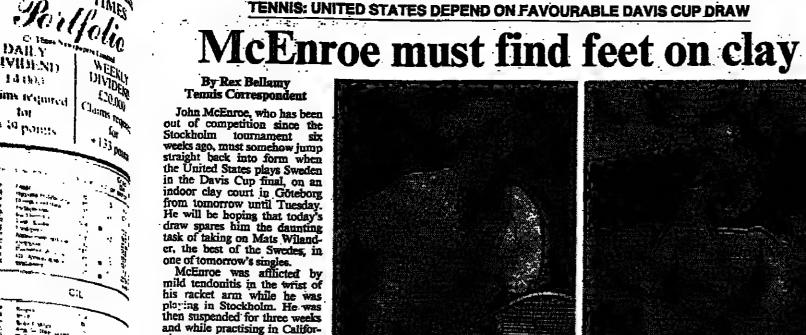
Does this mean the first silicon chip fly half? Our scientific correspondent says that recent advances in microelectronics mean such an idea is not so far fetched. He calculates that a bionic

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Barbarian could catch the ball infallibly and compute the perfect pass in about two nano-second. His sidestepping would be equally fast and devasting and, what's more, he could be programmed to sing 'Swing low sweet chariot' at perfect pitch.

The only possible negative is that being electronic his beer drinking capacity will be severely restricted. The Barbarians only comment was they were looking forward to an electrifying match, while the Australians said they'd be happy to supply their opponents with batteries.

Wang, normally noted for their expertise in office automation declined comment on the possibility of a computerised player, saying only that they were pleased to be sponsoring the match and may the best side win.







Head to head: Wilander (left) and McEnroe have three wins each

13,000 spectators. The Swedes competition's classic confron-have spent about £19,000 to tations and could go either way. install a clay court, in the hope. The last time these nations met

American. Marty Davis in the New outh Wales open championship at

White City yesterday.

Krick. the top seed, who eventually won 4-6, 7-5, 6-3, was warned in the first set for an audible obsensity and collected a penalty point in the second set for racket

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Sheffield United v Brighton

Wolverhampton v Blackburn ...

Portsmouth V Huddersfield Town ...

GOLA LEAGUE: Barrow v Nunestion; Beth v Tellord: Dartford v Bernet; Enfield v Worcester; Frickley v Weeklstone; Gateshaud v Altrinohem; Klüderminster v Maddenom; Rudwinster v Dagenham; Funcom v Seathornsch.

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Herroviers v Carthuniers. ARTHURIAN LEAGUE (2.0): Premier division:

Chigwallans v Foransers.

ESSEX SERIOR LEAGUE (2.00): Bowers v Wwyenoe; Brentwood v Maldon; Carrey Island. v Coggoshalt; Eton Manor v Chetnatort; Pord v East Therrock; Heistaad v Brightingses.

COMMINED COMPILES LEAGUE (2.00): Premier division: BAE (Weybridga) v Vrigina Water: Chotham v Cranleight Cohnm v Frindry Green; Fleet v Westleid (3.00): Mortey v Godalning (3.00): Malden v Fernham; Mersthem v Cows, Southwick v Hartley Winthey (3.00): Westleid v Golfer Row; Backton v Committed Casuels v Bunken (3.00): Pennent v Northwood; Redne v Bunken (3.00): Westleid v Reymen Leaguele v Bunken (3.00): Westleid v Roymen Leaguele v Hartley Winthe Leaguele (2.15): Premier division: Abingdon United v Raymens Lenc Clarifield v North Mostors; Hourstow v Bloester: (3.00): Maldenheed Town v Abingdon Town; Morelon v Fairtord (3.00): Starphele v Todor; Mortwood v Wentlege; Watenglord v Theme.

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Chelsea v Stoke City

Coventry City v South

First division

Sydney (Reuter) - Johan Krick biting victories. Curren saved four collected a \$500 fine after a fiery match points en route to his 6-3, quarter-final victory over his fellow 6-7, 7-6 win over Ben Testerman while Fitzgerald needed three tie-breaks to dispose of another American, Tom Gullikson, 7-6, 6-7,

The fluctuating struggle between Curren and Testerman ended in the

Bolton Wanderers v Miliwali .

Burnley v Swanzee City _

Lincoln City v Gillingham ...

Derby County y Orient .

Holf City v Walsell ...

Fourth division

emouth v Bristol City ...

Bristol Rovers v Newport County

Plymouth Argyle v Cambridge U

Preston North End v Brentford .-

Crewe Alexandra v Chesterfield ...

Hereford United v Halitax Town ...

Mansfield Town V-Scunthorpe

Rotherham United v York City

Exeter City v Peterborough ..

Hartispool United v Norths

Port Vale v Darlington ...

Swindon Town v Colchester

Torquay United v Blackpool

Tranmere v Aldershot (3.15) .

WESTERN LEAGUE: Premier ...division: Barnstople v Weston-Super-Mare; Bristol City v Bideford; Chard v Minehead; Crippenham v Settmarsh; Clandown v Clevedor; Devizes v Melicsham; Mangotsfeld v Taunioh; Peullon v Davilsh; Shepton Maller v Plymouth Argyle Resemble:

Reserves.
ESSEX SERIOR TROPHY: Third mand: East
Ham v Satiron Walden (2.0); Heybridge Swits
v Withern; Leyton-Wingste v Graye; Woodford
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KENT SENIOR TROPHY: Second round (2.80):
Corinitian v Perhill Standard; Denson v Turbridge Wells; Kent Police v Brent.
SURREY SCHOOR CUP: Path qualitying round:
Ash v Benstaad (2.0); Egham v Molesey;
Perhilph v Dorlding (2.0); Welding v Maldan Vita;
SUBSEX SENIOR CUP: Takra round (2.15);
Abtion v East Grinetead; Pagham v Steyning.

SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Eastbourne Town v Burgess Hilt; Handings Town v Ringmar; Peacehaven and Telecombe v Aundel: Three Bridges v Littlehamptor; Whitshawk v Heilsham; Wick v Lancing, Cop: Pirst round: Wigmore v Midhurst and Eastbourne.

SUSSEX RUR CHARITY CUP: First round

SUSSEX RUR CHARITY CUP: First round replay; Horsham YMACA V Portified.
UNITED COUNTRES LEAGUE: Premier division: Arisesy v Raunds; Baldock v Stamford; Buckingham v Stottolt; Desborough v Intilingborough Ulamonds; Eynesbury v Bourne; Holbeach v Newport Pagnell; Long Buckby v Potion; Rothwall v S and L Corby; St Neoffe v Brackley, Cup: Pirst round: Ampthill v Woodon.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE (11.0): First divisions Arkenal v Norwicht Cambridge United v West Hame Charlton v Wathord: Circhesa v Tothenham, Christian v Mathord: Circhesa v Tothenham, Christian Portamouth v Instant. Second divisions Bristol Rovers v Brentfort: Oxford United v Swindon; Windoledon v Brighton.

NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Acorington Stanlary: v Eastwood Hamey: Burscough v. Casmistor: Curzon Astron v Formby; Lancaster v Glossey; Leaf v Fleatwood; Leytand Motors v Netherfield; Penrith v Precot Cables; St Helens v Westord.

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Premier divisions Appleby Frodinghtm;
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SOUTHERS LEAGUE: Premier division: AP
Leanthglon v RS Southampton; Cody
v Righer; Crawley v Winney; Farsham v
Berdwert Middes division: Berduny v
Coventry Sporting Hadnesford v Lalcastar
United; Reddisch v Bridgnorth; Rusinden v
Mikon Keynes; Stourbridge v Dudley; VS
Rupby v Moor Great; Weilingborough v Station
Coldited, Seathern division: Addisonne,
Maybridge v Thanet; Dover v Acclose;
Durstable v Canterbury; Shappoy v Gasport;
Toxbridge v Salisbury; Weterlooville v Pools.

Wrexham v Bury ...

WEEKEND FOOTBALL AND OTHER FIXTURES

doom after the American had led

10-8. "I expected a late match, but not to finish in the dark," the South Aftican said.

DOUBLES: Osener-finels: P McNemera (Aub)/L Shiras (US) bt C Dowdwswell/J Lloyd (GB), 7-6, 2-6, 8-4. Les Vagna (AP) - John McEnroe and Jimmy Connors will need on Jenuary 4 and possibly again, the need day in the \$1.2 million AT Challenge of Champions (spatiaring seven of the world's top eight players that is worth \$200,000 to the winner.

Scottish premier division

Aberdeen v Dundee

Hibemian v Celtic ...

Morton v Dumbarton

Rangers v St Mknen ..

Ayr United v East File -

Falkirk v Partick Thistie

Hamilton v Clydebank . Maadowbank v Clyde ...

Brechin City v Klimarnock

Motherwell v Forfar Athletic

St Johnstone v Airdriednischs

Cowdenbeath v Allos Athletic

East Stirling v Raith Rovers

Queen of South v Dunterraline

Stenhousemuir v Montrose ...

Scottish Cup

First round replay

Stirling Albion v Queen's Park ...

Gala Fairydean v Stranraer (1.30) .

HOCKEY

Scottish second division

Dunden United v Hearts

Scottish first division

CLUB MATCHES

Park v London Scot Bristol v Leic

Proydon v Sideup.
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Strenkins; Old Haberdeathers v Old Johnhans;
Old Pelpatiers v Old Mid-Whitgiltians.

HOCKEY

LONDON LEAGUE (2.15): Premier divisions
Beckenham v Blackham, Lungues Bromley v
Dulwict; Chesm v Maldenhead; Mid-Surrey v
Tulse Hil; Old Kingstonians v Hawke;
Richmond v Spences; Southgate v Purley;
Surbiton v Teddington; Windbledon v
Hourston v Teddington; Windbledon v
Hourston v Teddington; Windbledon v
Westoliff; Ford v Cambridge City; Old
Louphtonians v Nortok Wanderers.
SOUTH LEAGUE: Premier division: Bornor v
Bournemouth; East Grinsted v Eleasa; Walton
v Oxford Hawks. MIDOLESEX/REPIKS, BUCKS & OXON: Bracknell v Polytectrolo; Gerrarda Cross v City LACROSSE

NTATIVE MATCH: Slough v RAF. CLUB MATCHER: Amersham v Harrow; Chiohaster v Worthing. WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT: Home Countries Indoor (at Meedowbank Stadium, Edingburgh, BASKETBALL

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL LEAGURE (Meet) First division:
Kingcreft Kingston v FSO Cars Warrington
(8.0); Hemet and Watford Royats v Homespare
Boiton (8.0); Crystal Palace Supersonics v
Screen Stars Tellord (8.0); Sperrings Solent
Stars v John Carr Domester (8.0); Cotrills
Manchester Stants v Walkers Crisps Leicester
(7.30); Davesports Birmingham Botlets v
Brackingl Firstos (8.0); Second division: John
Eld Derby v Camden (8.0); ANC Solee v
Telscom Colchester (8.0); (Wessen) First
division Sheffield Hatters v London Bobcats
(7.30); Enfield Browns v Bath (8.0).

MATIONAL CUP: (Wessen) Semi-finat: Crystal
Palace v Homespare Bolton (8.0).

FOOTBALL SECOND DIVISION: Notes County v Futhers. RUGBY UNION CLUB MATCH: Newbridge v Swenson

RUGBY LEAGUE FIRST DIVISION: Barrow v Werrington (2.30); Bradford Northern v Workington Town (3.30); Featherstone Rovers v Castisford (3.30); Hull KR v Oldham; Leeds v Hult; Widnes v Hunslet;

SECOND DIVISION: Cartele v Runcom republich: Developy v Brandey (2.30); Fulhern v Saffort: Rundersfield v Badley (3.30); Keighley v Southerd Inviola (3.15); Rochhelle Homets v Doncester; Sheffield Engles v Bactgool Borough (2.20); Switch v Bridgent; Withshaven v Walasladd Trinty (3.30); York v Mansfield Marksman (2.15). BASKETBALL

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NATIONAL LEAGUE* (Mass) Float division:
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(4.0), Becond divisions ANC Social v Miciarun
Yunsado (4.0); Comedan v Glucoda Phymoush
Fiziciara (4.0); Tower Hamiess v Sendweit Mash
(4.0); Women First ethision: TCS Worthing
Wasps v Homespare Bolton (4.0); Ashfield
Gless Nothinghan v Avus Notherampton (4.0);
Sheffield Heisers v Kingoraft Kingston (4.0);
Manchester Vogus Travel v Lorizon VACA
Sobcats (3.0); Crystel Palace v Solent Suns
(3.30).

HOCKEY REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES: (2.15): Essex v
RAF (Brentwood): Surblen v Army: Essex A v
United Hospitals (Southchurch Perk,
Southend): RAF Juniors v Purley (RAF
Ludvige): Essex Under-21 v RAF Under-21
(Brentwood).
LONDON LEAGUE: Hamsted v Tulss Hill
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HEBBEICH LEAGUE: Premier division:
Durham v Ayr Bruins (5.30); Murraylaid Racera
v Duridee Fockets (5.30); Strautham Redistins:
v File Precs (8.15); Whitley Warriors v
Notingham Parthers (6.30). First division:
Bournamouth Stags v Garnety Buffishes
(5.15); Gibergob Dynamos v Despite Dragons
(6.01); Lae Valley Lions v Gi SoShull Berone

BRITISH LEAGUE: (Men): Tryst 77 v Satio (Cumbernsuid, 4.30); Great Dienes v Carlobe MK '80 (Mapping 5.0); Brestwood '72 Lelcoster '73 (Marington, 2.0). OTHER SPORT

RUGBY UNION TOUR MATCH arbanians v Australis (at Cardid) (2.15) REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES Angio Scota v blooth & Michards (at Gostorth County Grounds) (2.16). South of Sectiond v Edinburgh (at Notherdale) (2.15)

Coucastar v Couarity
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Conforth v Notingham (2.15)
Astropata v Battlett Wickenham
Harrisquins v Battlett Wickenham
Harrisquins v Harrisport Rovers (2.0)
Harvisck v Boroughmuir (2.15)
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Kafton v Spikirk (2.15)
Lanchvins v Gast (2.95) Retso V Salarit (2.15).
Langholm V Galas (2.30).
Liverpool v Merichisator (2.30).
London Irish v London Weish (2.15).
Metro Polics v Explor (2.30).
Mortlay v Wilmstow (3.30).
Northampton v Wilsins.
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Fischmond v Stacthesth (2,15)

Rossin Park v Plymouth Albian

Roundhay v Shafffeld (2,15)

Sale v Headingley (2,45)

Sarscens v Rugby (2,30)

South Wates Police v (dismorgen W
Vale of Lura v Fyide (2,15)

Watarolars v Ayr (2,15)

Watsrolars v Ayr (2,15)

West Hartlepool v Otley (2,15)

SOUTHERN MERIT TABLE: Abbey v H Misterhead v Mericus

MEGENDE V Marlow.
HERTS MERIT YABLE: Bacaviens v Bishop's Stotlord; Harpenden v Cld Alberians.
SEVEN COUNTIES MERIT YABLE: Streethers-Croydon v Sidoup.

ICE HOCKEY
HEINEREN: BRITISH LEAGUE Premier
division: Cavaland Boobers v Whitley
Warnfors (6.30); Nottingham Partitiers v Avr
Bruins (6.30); Southampton Vikings v File
Pyers (Oxford, 5.15). First division: Blacispool
Seegulas v Petarborough Pirates (7.0).

NORTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE-First division: Chedde v Sheffield, Mellor v Temperley, Old Wecontains v Old Stopfordians: Sale v Heaton Mersey, South Manchester and Wythershawe v Sheffield University, Stockport v Old Leterosters Hutmeiene.
SOUTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE: First division
Buckhurst HB. v Hampstead; Caltinops
Backenhum; Chipstead v Kenton; Purisy
Historyt.

BRITISH LEAGUE: (Nee) Ashford Tanners v Robert Jenkine (Stour Centre, 2-40). ENGLISH NATIONAL LEAGUE: (Women) Salford Ladles v Robert Jenions (Pendiebur) 5-50).

HANDBALL

OTHER SPORT
RACKETS: Public Schools Singles (Queen's
Cub. Kensington).
REAL TENNES: Masters Singles Open (Oxford).
SNOOKER: Hornelster World Doubles
(Northernet)

(11.30).
SOUTH LEAGUE: Premier Division: Camberley
v Trojana; Oxford Hawks v Est Grinesad.
Middleesz/Berks, Bocks and Oxfor: City of
Oxford v Staines; Gerrards Cross v Harrow
Town Switch Town Swans.
WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL: Home Counties
Indicate Tournament (Meadowbank, 10.30am).

HANDBALL

Bronze for Britain takes 10 minutes

By Keith Macklin

before their own crowd. It is as will for Great Britain that under the successful new inter-national agreement, an English

impartial handling by home ref-

keep the ball moving to the backs and wings rather than being drawn into a forward battle.

suspended, for the home game against the much improved Hun-slet.

The winter short course season

The star of the meeting should certainly be Michael Gross, the

competition takes place in Bergen this weekend. Eighteen countries will take part in the men's events and 17 in the women's. With the Soviet Union and East Germany both fielding squads close to full strength, they should prove invin-

nine Olympians currently studying in North America and several others having confirmed their retirement

West German, who has set new world records over both butterfly distances and also improved upon-Vladimir Salnikov's 400m freestyle

Tottenham, involved in the

most glamorous tie of the

round, met Real Madrid in the

Bernabeu stadium last Sep-

tember in a testimonial game.

They lost 1-0. Without the

suspended Roberts in the first

leg, they can scarcely relax whatever their lead. Real, lying

second in the Spanish League

behind Barcelona, have twice recovered from 3-0 deficits in

the UEFA Cup.
United will return to Hun-

gary six months after knocking

out Raba Vasas in the first

round. Goals are again the most

predictable feature of their tie

Under Ferenc Kovacs, Video-

ton have become an equally

adventurous side, beating Parti-zan Belgrade 5-0 at home and

Quarter-final draws

Paris St Germain 4-2 away.

European Cup
Austria Vienna y Liverpool
Sordeaux y Disearapetros

Austria Vierna v Liverpool Bordeaux v Discorpedrovsk Göteborg v Panathinsikos Juventus v Sparta Prague Cup Winners' Cup Bayern Munich v Roma Dynamo Dreeden v Rapid Vienna Everton v Fortuna Sittard Larissa v Dynamo Moscow

George Reilly, the Watford forward, and Alistair Robertson, the West Bromich Albion defender,

Association with bringing the game late disrepute. They were sent off in the players' tunnel at the Hawthorns

last Saturday after an alleged flare-up, but neither will face an

warned, fined or suspended - or a combination of all three.

Les Chappell, Swanses City's caretaker-manager since Colin Appleton was dismissed last week, was himself removed yesterday.

Chappell expressed disappointment that he had not been considered for

They have the chance to ask for personal hearings, and it is unlikely they will be dealt with before Christmas", an FA spokesman said. Under FA rules the players can be

automatic suspension.

at a meeting in London.

.arissa y Dynamo Moscow

inst the League leaders.

English clubs on course to dominate Europe

By Stuart Jones Football Correspondent

England, who threatened to collect all three Continental trophies in 1984, yesterday drew a step closer to becoming the dominant force in Europe in 1985. The four first division clubs, the largest contingent to represent a nation in the quarter-finals, have all avoided colliding with those considered to be their strongest rivals in the next round in March.

Liverpool will face Juventus in the Super Cup final, which is to be staged in Turin on January 16. They may yet again meet over two legs later in the European Cup but Liverpool, the holders, were particularly relieved to have stayed clear of them now because Dalglish is suspended for the next three

If the Italian defence is formidable, Austria Vienna's is at least accomplished. It in-cludes the national sweeper and goalkeeper. The elegant Hungarian, Nyilasi, is another influential member of a side that lost to Tottenham Hotspur in last season's UEFA Cup quarterfinal but led their League before going indoors to keep fit during

the winter hibernation. Liverpool will be visiting Austria for the first time on March 6. but their hosts are likely to be playing on unfamiliar ground as well. Since their own arena has a capacity of only 10,000, they are expected to hold the match in the nearby

Hanappi stadium, the adopted earlier this season given a home of Rapid, which is more glimpse of the future. than twice as spacious.

Everton's opponents in the Cup Winners' Cup are the least known and the least experienced of all the 24 survivors. Fortuna Sittard, currently in the middle of the Dutch table. qualified for the competition only because Feyenoord, who beat them in the cup final,

Zarich (Reuter) - The Super Cup match between Liverpool, the holders of the European Cup, and Juventus, the holders of the Cup Winners' Cup, will take place in Turin on Jupenty 16 HEFA said Turin on January 16. UEFA said here that only one match will be

finished the season also as champions.

As a bonus, two of Everton's leading challengers were drawn each other. Although Bayern Munich, the West German leaders, have the disadvantage of playing the first leg at home, they shoud prove too strong for Roma, last seasons's European Cup finalists and the conquerors of Wrexham in the last round.

Tottenham, the holders of the UEFA Cup, and Manchester United avoided both an unfortunate domestic argument and a fearsome fixture against Internazionale of Milan. Their ties may appear to be the most difficult of the four, but at least the English representatives were

Lansa V upnano moscow UEFA Cup Internazionale v Cologne Manchester United v Videoton Tottenham Hotspur v Real Madrid Zelleznicar v Dynamo Minak Furs leg matches on March 6, second leg on March 20. Scots seek remedy Robertson and Reilly for hangovers face charge

By Hugh Taylor

The despondent managers of Parkhead club can lose three Celtic and Dundee United are faced matches in a row and Hibernian, in with two of the most difficult tasks of the day as they try to rekindle cuthusiasm in players who have a difficult which can lose three and the control of the contro suffered severe psychological set-

backs.
As Celtic travel to Edinburgh to meet the stumbling Hibernian, David Hay concedes that inside a few days a team which scored 17 goals in three games has been reduced to perhaps the most worried side in the land. "But Celtic have always been noted for their resilience and now more than ever before we must all show the fighting spirit which made us not so long ago

the best team in Europe", he said.
Hay feels the return of Johnston, ineligible for the European Cup Winners' Cup second leg reptay with Rapid Vienna at Old Trafford, which ended in such disaster, will restore the cohesion which was so restore the cohesion which was so

restore the conesion which was so sadly lacking on Wednesday.

Defeat for Celtic would almost certainly see the end of their challenge to Aberdeen for the title, but no one in Scotland believes the

Almost weekly, Aberdeen's hopes of retaining the premier division title become rosier as the newer players, such as McDougall and Stark, continue to improve. They should consolidate their powerful position at the top with a home win over Drandee.

Ibrox, and a draw can be expected at

With best boot forward Valletta (Reuter) - Franz Becken-

bauer, the manager of West Germany believes that Karl-Heinz Rummenigge can be the match-winner in tomorrow's World Cup European group two qualifying tie against Malta here. "Karl-Heinz Rummenigge is the best player in the world at the moment." Beckenbauer said. "No one can mark him out of a game for 90

over Dundee

Dundee United also have a difficult match, against Heart of Middothian at Tannadice, and although they have nothing like the worries of Celtic, who fear lengthy suspension in Europe, Jim McLean, the transport is the control of the state of

the manager, is still angered by their UEFA Cup defeat at the hands of

Manchester United.
United will be without their

International forward, Sturrock, who has a broken bone in his band.

Rangers will have to improve on recent form to beat St Mirren at

Mattheous, H-P Briegel, K-H Rumenigge, R Volter, K Allots.

RIO DE JANEIRO (Reuter) — Brazil are willing to play an international in Saudi Arabia in exchange for the early release of Tele Santana, their coach, from Al-Ahli. Brazil would like Santana to take over his national job next

Walsh may tilt odds in Liverpool's favour

By Clive White

The team news emanating from Anfield yesterday was the most significant since lan Rush's return from injury was announced in October. Joe Fagan, the Liverpool manager, has decided that Paul Walsh is fit enough for action and him as asmed him as substitute against has named him as substitute agains Aston Villa at Villa Park today.
With odds already at a mean 4-1
against ninth-placed Liverpool

retaining their League title, one could visualize bookmakers scurrying to shorten the odds still further in anticipation of a sensational return by Walsh, out for !! games following a cartilage operation. The prospect of a Walsh-Rush striker force cruelly teased Liverpool throughout the first two months of Rush's absence and then two months of Walsh's Soon it will be a realize the authorized the striker and the street and the str reality that could rocket Liverpool to the top of the world or at least England and the rest of Europe, in a fraction of the time it took them to

fall to earth. There was something mightily cncouraging about the manner of their defeat by Independiente in the world club championship last Sunday. As a unit - even without the incompanied Languages - they the incomparable Lawrenson - they looked as solid as they have done all looked as solid as they have done all season. In attack they were blunted by an exceptionally alert defence, Rush being stil lin need of some honing. But the future can now be tackled with gusto for the first time since Souness's heartbreaking departure to Italy.

Today they will again be without Lawrenson against fellow European Coupting the considerably more trouble than they have been

trouble than they have been themselves. The decision of Graham Turner, Villa's manager, to drop their most gifted young player, Cowans, is either a brave or foothardy one.

A victory for Liverpool is still likely to leave them a little short of the leaders, since the top five are all the leaders, since the top five are all contemplating a three-point bonus. The tasks of Tottenham Hotspur and Arsenal, though, are far from a formality. Even at bome, Arsenal, in their present form, will find it difficult to outbuile a West Bromich Albion team quietly confident that they could become the seventh side to lead the table by Christmas. The victory over loady the seventh side to lead the table by Christmas. The victory over lowly Watford last week should not be underestimated. It was their fifth win in six games. Whitehead replaces the suspended Hunt and for Arsenal, Caton is back for the injured O'Leary. Nicholas can get no nearer than substitute.

Hoddle is another celebrity who will be disappointed to be missing.

Hoddle is another celebrity who will be disappointed to be missing the fun at Vicarage Road with a thigh injury, a legacy from his mugging in Prague in midweek. He was seeing a plastic surgeon yesterday about the facial sear. Mabbutt deputizes in what is a match between the first division's leading sealescorers. Graham Taylor. leading goalscorers. Graham Taylor, the Watford manager, is unsure of

the manager's job, now on offer to John Bond. Ron Alkinson, the manager of Manchester United, has also had to think twice about his team to play • Referees may soon have pre-match talks with teams in an attempt to bridge the gap between players and officials. They will also think twice about his team to play Queen's Park Rangers and has typically gone for attack by choosing. Olsen instead of Muhren, who scored the winner against Dundee United during the week. Akinson remarked: "Muhren is unlucky to be out, in fact he's always unlucky to be be encouraged to visit clubs at their training grounds and talk with staff. These are two possibilities to arise from the formation of a new League body, covering officials, players and managers. The body, the Football League Liaison Panel was launched as a meeting in London.

Wright waits

 Bill Kellock, given a free transfer

 Southead United after being by Southend United after being sent-off against Transmere Rovers on December I, has been offered a contract by Port Vale until the end Wright, who has not played since a dressing-room incident with his manager. Lawrie McMenemy, on Len Walker, dismissed as November 20, was to turn ou MALTA (from): R Milsud, C Schoras, J Month, six months before Brazil's manager of Aldershot last month, is the second team against Watford North A Zopard, M Woods, G Xueneb, A Zopard, E Farraugia, R Velle, C against Bolivial and Paraguay.

month, six months before Brazil's manager of Aldershot last month, is the second team against Watford Reserves today, but the match has alleging breach of contract.

Barnsley's rise can be traced to the Leeds influence

Scrooge-like defence is key to success

Against all the odds, the undergreetions Barnsley club from south Yorkshire have climbed into the top three of the second division, and if they hold that position they will gain promotion to the first stop them by recovering from a 2-0 division for the first time in their 97. and if they hold that position they will gain promotion to the first division for the first time in their 97-

year history. Before that start of the season it was expected that Barnsley would be among the teams at the wrong end of the table, and an meertain beginning did nothing to dispet that view. But since then they have not their act together and Saturday's 3-3 draw at Wimbledon was their fifteenth league match without

deafeat.

The rise of Barasley is mainly because of a defence which is as mistly as Scroope. Their League record of 11 goals against in 13 pames is the best in all four divisions and organization. He

deficit at half-time. However, this afternoon's home match against the League leaders, Oxford, will be a sterner test of their ability.

Barusley's soundness in defence is to be expected when you consider that their manager is Bobby Collins, a creative and fiercely competitive former Scottish international inside whose clubs included Celtic, Everton and Leeds United. It was while at Leeds, when nearing the end of his

stop them by recovering from a 2-0 deficit at half-time. However, this

Revie's influence can be seen in the Baursley team, who are similar in style to the Leeds side who won pronotion to the first division 20 years 2go, and Collins continues the link between Barnsley and Leeds; Norman Hunter and Allan Clarke terms to the translet Remeles. were the two previous Barnsley In the past week Collins has

taken steps to strengthen an attack which has averaged little more than a goal a game, paying a total of £40,000 for Rodger Wylde from Sanderland and Roa Futcher from the Durch club, Breds. They are expected to combine with David Geddis, an FA Cup winner with

Ipswich in 1978, to form a formidable forward line. Although Barusicy are scaling new peaks, all is not well at Oakwell. The club are losing about £3,500 a week and the effect of the miners' strike has kept attendances

Notes County, Carlisle United and Laton have all reached the first division despite limited firancial resources, and with little to choose between most of the teams in the account division there is no reason why Barnsley cannot emulate them it would be a fine achievement by It would be a fine achievement by Collins and a welcome change for a club who have spent all their lives in major honour was the FA Cup 1912.

Vince Wright

FOR THE RECORD

BOXING

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and E Velez bt S Marinkovic and R Armenulic
6-3, 6-4.

NORDIC SKIING

IN BRIEF

King accused of evading tax payments

New York (AFP) - A federal grand jury has indicted Don King, the boxing promoter, for tax evasion, King, aged 53, is accused of failing to declare \$420,000 and of not paying \$211,000 in back-taxes between 1978 and 1980. If found guilty, King could face a five-year prison sentence and a \$10,000 fine.

King became one of the world's most famous promoters in the 1970s. Among major contests he contests between George Foreman and Muhammed Ali in Zaire and Joe Frazier and Muhammad Ali in

the Philippines. GOLF: A desert sandstorm whipped up by winds of almost 50 mph forced postponement of the second

forced postponement of the second round of the US PGA tour qualifying tournament yesterday at La Quinta. California. All 160 players were on the La Quinta and Mission Hills courses when the storm reduced visibility to 25 metres.

BADMINTON: Although Indonesia's Icuk Sugiarto surprisingly lost to Misbun Sidek of Malsysia in three sets, he still qualified for the semi-finals of the Pro-Kennedy Grand Prix championship in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. He will play Morten Frost Hansen of Denmark in one of today's semi-finals while Liem Swie King of Indonesia plays Han Jian of Chma in the other.

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Indy A 6; 9, United States A 4; 10, Polland 2.

ROWING

London reveal impressive trials line-up

By Jim Railton

London University trial eights yesterdy contained an impressive range of pedigree. They included among their past honours 11 Purples (London's near equivalent of a Plant they health years) ruptes (London's near equivalent of a Blue); three Henley medal winners, five Henley semi-finalists, five junior internationals, two Under-23 world medal winners and two Cambridge Blues, including the past president, Simon Harris, Out of such talent London University can talent to be purposed assistance. expect to be prominent again over the next few years.

Harris stroked "Trouble Shooter"

with the Irishman McCormick leading the opposition, "Penny Pincher" in the boat christened Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Moth-

SHOW JUMPING



In their stride: Hugo Simon and Lucky on the way to third place (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Agile Smith at the double

Harvey Smith gave an appreciat-riding Everest Radius. Skelton was Harvey Smith gave an apprecialive crowd an impressive show of
agility when he won the Cognac
Courvoisier Two-Horse Stakes at
the Olympia show jumping championships yesterday. The competition took the form of a relay in
which each compenies rade too which each competitor rode two horses. After competitor to his second horse and jumped the course again.

Smith partnered Sanyo Candnica and the nine-year-old Cordoba, whom he bought in West Germany only two weeks ago. Wasting no time in the change-over he finished the two rounds more than a second

the two rounds more than a second ahead of the runner-up. Nelson Pesson, of Brazil, who first rode Moet and Chandon's Judy and then Wilfride. Geoff Billington, from Cheshire, took third place riding

Nick Skelton gained the first of doubtless many wins to come at this show when he took the Cognac Courvoisier Fault and Out class

Moignan introduced an appropriate

high-speed aspect to their domi-nation of the British champion-

nation of the British champion-ships, sponsored by the British Rail InterCity division, at Abbeydale Park, Sheffield, adding their left-handed blas to the gathering momentum of a new generation of domestic talent, while winning their respective finals.

Williams defeated the unseeded Bryan Beeson Q.3 Q.1 Q.1 in 35

Bryan Beeson 9-3, 9-1, 9-1 in 35

Miss Le Moignan: efficient

SNOOKER

Thorburn and

Thorne reel

off six in row

Cliff Thorburn and Willie Thorne

were within three frames of victory after the the first session of their

Homeister world doubles cham-pionship semi-final in Northapton

yesterday. The No 2 seeds reached the interval with a commanding 6-1 lead in their best-of-17-frame tie

against Tony Knowles and John

The Lancastrian pari began

impressively. Knowles putting down a 78 break to win the opening frame in only 14 minutes. That was their sole success of the afternoon.

Thorburn and Thorne took the second frame in 27 minutes and then eased 3-1 ahead with breaks of 34 from Thorne and 43 Thornura.

the Canadian champion. They took the fifth frame and enjoyed more than a little luck in the next.

Knowles and Spencer led by four points on the blue when Spencer

tried for a thin contact, missed the

ball completely and also presented Thorne and Thornura with a free

Thorburn then cleared up to win the frame on the black. He showed his best form when he made breaks of 51 and 63 in the seventh frame.

SCORE: C Thombure and W white lead T Knowlee and J Spancer \$-1, Frames scores (Thorture and Thome State 24-79, 62-47, 67-22, 70-56, 63-12, 63-62, 114-1.

TABLE TENNIS

SQUASH RACKETS

Left-handed players

go for quick kill

By Colin McQuillan

But Malcoim Pyrah, on Towerlands the only rider out of 34 to gain 24 points - the maximum numbe possible. Michael Whitaker reached 23 on his good speed horse, Colourway, to take second place. Hugo Simon of Austria, was third,

one point behind, on Lucky.
Whitaker had a heartening start Whitaker had a heartening start to the five-day show when he won Thursday night's opening class, the Modern Alarm Turkey Stakes, on Owen Gregory. The 16-year-old horse was only brought to the show at the last moment to replace Whitaker's former top ride, Disney Way, who died during an operation on a spilint less month. It was a on a splint last month. It was a much needed boost for Whitaker.

who is also without his top Olympic horse, Amanda. She is recovering from an operation and cannot be ridden until March.

Whitaker was the second to go in a 17-horse jump-off and because of his early draw he was aure his time of 31.91sec was "bound to be beat".

to the second fastest women's fina

Williams has risen from obscurity

Anglezarke, and Simon, on The Freak, the two who looked the most threatening both failed to match Whitaker's fast time and filled second and third place respectively.

SECOND AND UNITED PLACE PESPECTIVELY.

RESULTS: British Courvolvier Two-Horse Stakes: 1 Cordobe and Sanyo Cadnica Ril Smitch 67.59eec; 2 Judy and Written Ril Pesson. Br. Belloy: 3 JR IV and Brindow (B. Belloy: 70.23. Cognice Courvolvier Plaus and Dut: 1 Servest Radius (In Siceton) 24pts in 49.69eec; 2 Colourvey (M. Written), 23pts in 48.18eec; 3 Lucky (H. Simon, Austria), 22pts in 48.18eec; 3 Lucky (H. Simon, Austria), 22pts in 48.78eec. The Vauchael Opel Young Shreighenper Averick: 7 MoSt and Chandon Carrieral (Z. Bates), 0 in 32.55eec; 2 The Chairman (M. Wisson) oli n.32.75; 3 Summerfield Outry (J. Westmann) 0 in 32.92. Miscient Alames. Turkey Status: 1 Dwen Gregory (M. Weitkaler), 1 in 8.191; 2 Towerlands Anglezarice (M. Pyrah);

event world chanpion, was nomi-nated to be a member of the Federation Equestre Internationale three-day event committee at the general assembly of the PEI which took place in Berne this week.

BASKETBALL

Two clubs with much in common

By Nicholas Harling As next month's cup finalists,

former champion, Alison Cumings, struggling tearfully in the wreckage of her unsuccessful tactics, cruising who play each other in a preview in tonight's first division game at Tolworth, Kingeraft Kingston and FSO Cars, Warrington/Liverpool Vikings have even more than that in victory 9-1, 9-2, 9-0 in just 20 minutes. Only Sue Cogswell was more efficient, bearing Teresa Lawes in 13 minutes in 1977. common. Both clubs have a similar delicate problem concerning an injury to a key player

Dan Davis, Kingston's American centre, may have to be persuaded to during the past two seasons to lead the English rankings and challenge

center his injured knee tonight and strained ankle ligaments could force Colin Irish, the Viking forward, out of the game. The problem for both teams is that they are still in the eight semi-finalists at Sheffield achieved for the first time such penetration of the domestic chalreams is that they are still in the running for the League, having lost two games apiece, and know thay cannot afford to lose players so essential to their plan. On the other hand, both clubs risk going into the Kellogg's Cup final at the Albert Hall on January & declared. Muscat (Reuter) - The world champion, Jahangir Khan, of Pakistan, won the final of the Al Falsi grand prix yesterday when he beat the No 8 seed, Ross Norman, of New Zealand, 9-3, 9-1, 9-6. Chris Dittmar, the No 2 seed from Australia, took third place by bearing the No 3 seed, Qamar Zaman, of Pakistan, 8-10, 9-0, 9-3,

Hall on January 6 depleted.

Davis, who sank 15 points in the 107-93 semi-final defeat of Cottrills Manchester Giants on Thursday, which took Kingston through 205water took Aingston through 205-190 on aggregate, has been advised to rest by a doctor. Nor did Irish improve his fitness by playing for 12 minutes as Vikings swept Doncaster aside 96-78 and 178-158 on

aggregate.
Sperring Solent Stars, the league leaders who may fold next week, will after all go ahead with tonight's which receive the year award. Fernandez, aged 29, first division game with John was second in this year's Tour de Carr Doncaster at Fleming Park Spain. His wife also died in the Eastleigh. Their supporters club are promoting the game.

Aranda de Duero (Agencies) -Alberto Fernandez, one of Spain's top cyclists, was killed in a road accident near here yesterday when he was driving home from Madrid after receiving the Spanish cyclist of Spain. His wife also died in the crash.

SKIING

Snowfall helps season's fourth first-time winner

Madonna di Campiglio, Italy (AFP) - Dorota Tlalin of Poland won her first World Can race, becoming the fourth first-time winner in the five races held so far this year, when she triumphed in yesterday's skalom here.
Miss Tlalka, nged 21, finished with an aggregate time of lmin 47,90sec, just under half a second

Cyclist killed

faster than Brigitte Gadient of Switzerland, Christelle Guignard, of France, who won her first World Cup race in last week's slalom at Dayos, finished third. Perrine Pelen of France, who equalled Erika Hess's record of 15 World Cup statom wins at

Courmayeur in the first race of the season, finished fourth. She had set sheed of Miss Tlalks; but an

of the second run pushed her down. Snow fell for the first time this season and several of the favourites failed to finish, among them Miss Hess, who nevertheless kept her overall lead in the series.

indifferent patch on the lower half

RESULTS: 1, 5 Teles (Pol. 1 min 47.90 eec; 2, B Gaclant (Switz), 1:48.36; 3, C Guignand (Fr), 1:48.57; 4, P Palen (Fr), 1:48.59; 5, O Charvistora (Cd), 1:49.13; 6, R Seiner (Austria), 1:49.16; 7, M Epple (WG), 1:49.20; 8, U Konzeit (Liecht. 1:49.31; 8, V Schneider (Switz), 1:49.48; 10, B Dertil (Switz), 1:49.72; 11, C Schneidhauser (Switz), 1:48.93; 12, M Talles (POI), 1:50.92; 13, A Lieskowsek (Yug), 1:50.92; 14, F Twardokens (US), 1:51.23; 15, D Zini (ft), 1:51.50. 14, F I WATCHWEST (U.S), 125 (25, 15, 15 24) (II), 151 (A).

SLALOM STANDENGS: 1. Polen, 42 pts; 2; Gulphard, 40; equal 3, D Tialka and Epple, 33; 5; E Hess (Switz), 31; OVERALL STANDENGS: 1, Hess, 57 pts; 2; Veril, 54; 3, Gulphard, 48; equal 4, Polen and Mighri (Wis), 42; 6; 7; Hescher (Wis), 42; 6; 7; Hescher (Wis), 43; 7; 7; 16, Mighri (Wis), 33; 10, M Georg (Wis), 31.

Zurbriggen outshone in practice

surfaces.

Val Gardena, Italy (Reuter) — Other prime contenders fared Firmin Zurbriggen of Switzerland, hoping to extend his lead in the for the thirteenth time, finished World Cup overall standings, could almost four seconds behind Muchanly record the ninth fastest time in ler, in sixteenth position, although yesterday's final practice for the first he was well ahead of the Olympio downhill event of the season, which gold medal winner Bill Johnson, takes ulace here today.

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Lakes place here today.

Lutviggen, the reigning overall
champion, was outshone by his
Swiss colleague Peter Muelier, who
produced the fastest run of two
minutes. 05.74 seconds, shead of
Michael Mair, of Italy, and Peter.

Witnesters of Austria. Wirnsberger, of Austria.

If snow continues to fall, producing a slow piste, the conditions could favour Mueller, them prefer a soft surface. In contrast, Klammer prefers hard, ky

Running from the English winter

CROSS COUNTRY

It will afford little hope and no consolution to Tim Hutching ocents in the IAC cross-country know that he finds some of his training a lot harder than his races. training a lot harder than his races. Your unfortunate correspondent can testify to the training part. With a presumption born of poor memory, or probably just plain stupidity. I tried to accompany Hutchings on a "steady jog" around Wandsworth Common a few days ago and could barely last the first three miles. And I was no a bievele. I was on a bicycle.
With the disarming lagenu

ness that marks many of his utterances. Hutchings observed afterwards that even some of the top athletes he occasionally trains with "find that my steady runs are rather fast - perhaps that's why I get so many injuries".

But the series of injuries that delayed his rise as a teerage sub-four-minute miler until his mid-twenties have stayed at bay for the last 15 months. And the acceleration oppurers out of that erratic rise and fall in form has been as dramatic as the burst from the pack that nalled his ronaway victory in the last big domestic cross-country race at Gateshead three weeks ago.

Favounte

Hutchings, aged 26 last week, has cross-country races in the same fashion and is clear favourite to fashion and is clear favourite to repeat last year's victory in Chantry Park. Inswich, today. He is scheduled to run another race in France, this time on the road next Sanday (the arganizers are hoping to get Said Aonita, the Moroccan 5,000 metres Olympic champion, to run). Then, after the Maliusk international cross-country race in Belfast on January 5, Hutchings will decamp to relatives in New Zealand for three months to escape the English winter.

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Warm weather training abroad has become a favourite ploy of Britain's top athletes in recent winters — and the fact that Hutchings began making a living out of the sport concurrently with the start of that injury-free period 15 months ago means that he is not interrupting anything more serious than childhains by a protracted absence.



Hutchings: warming up

At first glance, Hutchings could be mistaken for a throwback to the Chariots of Fire era of privilege, with his well-to-do background, public school confidence and Country Life accent. He has the airy detectment of one who has not had to scrabble for an education or a living. But the recent acquisition (with his brother) of a house in Wandsworth is one manifestation of the financial independence that he deemed necessary, despite the "enormous amounts of money" that bis parents make as a b'gh-ranking

His annoyance at their honse-warming gift of a three-piece suite, "without asking our opinion first." is father proof that Hatchings wishes to be his own man. He gets on well with his parents but the

He was doing it to save for his first trip to New Zealand in early 1982, after which the form that had weat him a tenth place in the 1978 Commonwealth Games 1,500 metres returned. He improved all his best times up to 5,000 metres, finishing seventh, at that distance in the European championships in Athens, and fifteenth in the Commonwealth

Cames.

That was his first season as a 5,000 metres runner but the injuries struck again last year, keeping him out of the first world championships in Helsinki. But he came back at the end of the year to win the Cateshead and inswich cross-country races. He went on the win the silver medal in the world cross-country champion-ships last March and capitalized on that background to finish fourth in the Olympic 5,000 metres, won by

Lucrative

Hatchings will miss this season's world cross-country championships in March owing to his New Zealand training trip. And, with no major championships next summer, his force is a provide according to 5 000. focus is a world record at 5,000 metres, with a possible move up to 10,000 metres, with a possible move up to 10,000 metres, followed by a tour of the lucrative American road-

Acuita and Sebastian Coe, who is noving up to 5,000 metres after his unprecedented double Olympic 1,500 metres next summer," he said. "People seem to think he's going to be God's own gift to the distract."

But the man who left his first love, rugby, because he was too small to be a wing forward - "I got fee up, coming off the pitch accoing stitches" - is not going to get handled but at he was no small to be a wing forward. bundled out of the way so easily on the track, where he tends to be the

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on well with his parents but the weeks working as a dustman in Haywards Heath after he came down from Loughborough three years ago must have given them pause. "I never had the misfortune to bump into any of my dad's friends on the local Conservative committee", he says, amused. But his workmates still remain something of a phystery to him. "They never really seemed interested in why I was seemed in doing it.

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At the close, Pakistan had struggled to 77 for two, still 21 runs behind New Zealand's first imings

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ninutes when the New Zealand players clashed with umpire Sha-koor Rana after he and rejected a loud appeal for a catch behind off bliandad. During a heated argument in the middle it appeared that the two umpires had started walking towards the pavilion. The New Zealuad players began to follow but, after a discussion lasting several minutes, play resumed.

Earlier in the day Bracewell, the off-spinner, clashed with umpire Javed Akhtar and the New Zealand captain, Jeremy Coney, intervened to caim down both bowler and official.

official.

Pakistan claimed four cheap wickets in the morning session, but dogged partnership between Mc Ewan (40 not out) ad Bracewell (30) helped New Zealand push their lead to 93. Pakistan's most successful bowler of the series, Iqbal Qasim, began the collapse, finishing with figures of four for 133.

The home side soon lost opener Mudassar, with McEwan bringing

Karachi (Reuter) — Pakistan's off 2 stupendous one-handed catch second innings was overshadowed off Stirling in the first over of the second innings Quein Omer was never conflorable but stayed to push the score to 37 before falling to a sharp return catch by Martin

CRICKET

N Zealand threaten

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sharp return catch by Martin Crowle.

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Ellison helps cover gap left by Allott

From Richard Streeton, Delhi

England will decide this weekend whether to send for a replacement for Paul Allott, the Lancashire fast-medium bowler, whose back injury has prevented him bowling properly for three weeks. Allott, aged 28, who was brought to India to fill the stock bowling selection. bowling role, will have a strenuous workout today in the nets. If he has any reaction at the base of his spine. where the recent pain has been, he is

where the recent pain has been, he is likely to return to England.

The problem has still not been properly traced, but his prospects are not good. It is wretched luck for Allott, who was expected to bowl for long periods and to keep the score down. He also had an important part in England's plans for the one-day games in Australia in February and March. Allott struggled on his last appearance, which was in Rajkot against West Zone from November 21-24

Since then he has only recently started light exercising again but has not turned over an arm in anger. Rest is the recommended treatment for Allott's injury and it might prove in the interests of both the player and the touring team if he

The procedure for choosing when flying has made it an easy
Allott's replacement would be for matter to move someone across the the tour management to suggest the world. Considering the fielth player they want and the TCCB and hazards sometimes held against selectors have to agree. There are India for Europeans, it is interesting players on standby, keeping fit, that England have only had to either on overseas assignments, or replace four players on visits to the in England but there is nothing to sub-continent. Leadbeater took over prevent a choice being made from outside those on standby. The first names being bandied about here are Jonathan Agnew. of Leicestershire, who won two caps at the end or last summer. David Thomas, the Surrey 64.

Summer. David Thomas, the Surrey David Gower, the England David Gower. all-rounder, whose left-arm pace would bring variety to England's attack, or Neil Williams, the Middlesex fast bowler.

The replacement could be linked with whether England have any with whether England have any serious intention to try and enlist lan Botham's help in Australia. There are those who feel that Botham, having decided to miss the rigours of India and rest, would benefit most from a complete break from cricket this winter. If he is going to be used in Australia, he might as well join this tour in the second week in January in time for the last two Test matches and the final three one-day internationals. the one-day games being spread over 12 days between the fourth and

fifth Test matches.

England could certainly manage over the next three weeks with 15 players during the Christmas and New Year period. Ellison's newly acquired form with the new ball has helped cover the gap left by Allott's inability to play in the first two Tests, and Foster is still on hand if another (ast bowler is required. Second innings to keep their is second innings to keep their second in the second innings to keep their second innings to keep t



Allott: Back trouble

one-day tournament's rules, and any replacement for Allort is certain to be taken there. French and Pocock at this stage, look likely to be the two unfortunates to return home after the tour's Indian section.

Ther have been around 35 replacements or reinforcements called upon by England touring teams over the years. 75 per cent of them since the Second World War. from A E Rhodes (hernia) in 1951-2. Binks for Murray (varicose veins) in 1961-62 and Cowdrey and Parlin for Stewart (stomach illness) and

captain, felt England were "nicety placed" at his rest-day press conference. He praised Robinson's batting and Ellison's bowling, in particular, for helping England reach a position from which they hoped to go on and take control of the game. England, with eight first-innings wickets in hand, resumed today 200 runs behind on a slow, low pitch. England's ambition is to obtain a lead of around 130 or 150, at least, in order to leave themselves as little as possible to do in the

fourth innings.
In both Test matches so far England have benefitted from undisciplined batting by the frontrank Indian players, even if the second half of the order have redeemed the situation. Gavaskar's place is safe in any case, but he is odds-on with our tour bookmaker to make a large score soon and certainly in the fourth Test at Madras, one of his favourite grounds. Gaekwad and Patil, though, must make some runs in the

W Indians out of sorts

Devonport (Reuter) - Tasmania, boosted by a pep talk from a sports psychologist, dismissed, the West Indians for a modest 184 here yesterday. The West Indians appeared out of sorts in a colder climate than in the Adelaide sunshine of the second Test and surrendered fairly turnely. At the close Tasmania were 34 without loss. TARMANIA: First Innings M Ray not out -Invitation to Willis

Bob Willis, England's former captain record breaking fast bowler with 325 Test wickets, he been invited to join the Warwickshire county committee from January 1. Willis captained the county for five years. Alan Smith secretary, said: The committee have also made Bob a life member of the club in recognition of his contribution to The touring team sagged to 34 for four, but Baptiste (54) and Lloyd (30) put on 80 together to salvage some pride, although Richards failed again, scoring only 16.

Gomes retired hurt with a bruised middle finger and Davis, the fast bowler, injured his left hamstring.

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RACKETS

Tonbridge are the school to beat

group for being an ineffectual captain, was at Wednesday's annual general meeting of the Gloucester-shire County Cricket Club, re-elected captain for the forthcoming

recognition of his contribution to

the county over 14 seasons. We now

believe he has a lot more to offer in

Graveney re-elected

David Graveney, under fire from a Gloucestershire reform

the future."

1.30 TURKEY AND HAM SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£493: 2m) (8)

110yd) (16)

8-4 Lord Charles, 11-4 Looking For Gold, 4 Master Boon, 5 Ridgeway Girl, 12 Kelly's Fastival, 18 others.

RACING: FITZGERALD'S CHASER LOOKS OUTSTANDING ON HENNESSY GOLD CUP FORM Canny Danny's case looks solid

Super Grass, who ran so well

the Christmas Pudding

pull off a memorable double for

presence of Fulke Walwyn's

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup was seen in bright form at already working out so well. Wincanton recently, when beat-Canny Danny (nap) looks a ing Very Promising. good bet to win the SGB Instead of taking on Ragafan Handicap Chase at Ascot today, and Brave George in the At Newbury he was the only Frogmore Handicap Chase at one to make a race of it in the Ascot, Little Bay runs instead in straight with Burrough Hill Lad, the Sheila's: Cottage Chase at who, of course has scaled even Doncaster, so provoking the greater heights in the meantime question of whether or not it is

at Wetherby by trouncing sensible to stage almost indenti-Wayward Lad at level weights. cal races on the same afternoon, More recently. Gaye Chance when there are so few good two and Kumbi, who finished third miles chasers around. What is and fifth respectively in the big clear is that Dennis Coakley will Newbury race, have stressed the need the touch of a magician if reliability of that form by winning at Haydock.

Fortina's Express, who had himself won his three previous races. In the circumstances it is this season, has a tough task hard to nicture Fortina's Ex- against the two Dickinson press beating him now on only a pound better terms. Likewise, it Welder in the Freebooter is difficult to make out a case Novices' Chase. As he has for Tom's Little Al beating my nap, even though he is in good

At Ascot last February, they met in the Whitbread Trial Chase. On that occasion, Canny Danny gave Tom's Little Al a stone and a 15-length hiding. Now they are carrying the same weight. Richdee and Duke Of Milan both boast fine records at Ascot but I will be disappointed if Canny Danny cannot win this nice consolation prize which he so richly deserves after that fine effort at Newbury.

the HSS Hire Shop Hurdle could set the race up for See behind The Breener at New-You Then, who is likely to be bury, can win the first division ridden with restraint by John Francome. In fact by taking a Novices' Hurdle for Stan line through that ultra-reliable Mellor. Mark Perrett and yardstick. Ra Nova it is Simon Tindall. Whether his possible to argue that See You stable companion, Ashlone, can Then should beat Desert Orchid, who has, in any case, been the same connexions by winlaid low by a virus since he last ning the other division seems open to doubt in view of the

Crimson Embers, who won presence of Fulke Walwyn's the Long Walk Hurdle on this promising six-year-old. Hunter occasion 12 months ago, looks River, who was beaten only a poised to give a repeat perform- short head first time out.

GOING: good to soft.

won unchallenged by 201 from Am 19, 6 ram). SELECTION: HORTHERN TRIAL.

ASCOT

12.15 KILLINEY NOVICE CHASE (25.472: 2m 4f) (6 runners)

13-8 Brown Trix, 3 Buckbe, 4 Claude Monet, 5 Handy SBy, 8 Ivacop. 16 Sign Again.

Ascot selections...

15-8 Desert Orchid, 2 See You Then, 11-4 Northern Trial, 6 Joy Ride, 25 Conclusive.

102 021-p10 HANDY BILLY (Ledy Earle) J Webber 5-10-13 1914-32 BROWN TRUX (BF) (C Cronin) F Winter 6-10-12 071p-14 SIGN AGAIN (R Wright) J Fox 6-10-12 106 071p-14 SIGN AGAIN (R Wright) J Fox 6-10-12 107 3bp-343 VACOP (B) (F Sterr) B Stevens 5-10-10 108 UKCKBE (R Tory) D Elsworth 5-10-8 1953: Aoes Wild 5-10-13 J Francome (7-2) F Winter 7 ran.

12.50 H: S. S. HIRE-SHOPS HURDLE (£4,819: 2m) (5)

1.20 SGB HANDICAP CHASE (£11,784: 3m) (7)

11-4 Bossanova Boy, 7-2 Clara Mountain, Super Grass, 6 Airwair, 10 Blue Dari, Fieldom, 12 others.

Towcester selections

By Mandarin 12.30 Super Grass: 1.0 Goldspun. 1.30 Lord Charles, 2.0 Good As Ever. 2.30 Toirdealbhach. 3.0 Hunter

1.0 MISTLETOE NOVICE CHASE (£1,313: 2m 5f

1983: What A Boy 8-11-0 P Double (9-2) J Gifford 11 rart.

6-4 Goldspun, 5-2 Valle Of Welton, 7-2 Notre Cheval, 10 Greenore ide, Lisboney Hill, 12 Double Pest, 20 others.

Michael Seely's selection: 2.30 Toirdealbhach.

Tote: double 1.20, 2.30. Treble 12.50, 1.55, 3.00

With the form of this year's ance. This out and out stayer Instead of taking on Ragafan he is to coax the enigmatic Little Bay past Mossy Moore in In the Hennessy, Canny the closing stages. Caught in the Danny finished 22 lengths mood and ridden right, Little ahead of the fourth horse, Bay can do it, in my opinion. Townley Stone, so impressive at Sandown and Ascot already runners, State Case and The already thrashed Sula Bula this season. Townley Stone should have nothing to fear from that quarter, and I think that he should just about win again. No should just about win again. No matter how Sula Bula gets on, Dover (1.15) and Cybrandian (2.50) can keep up Peter Easterby's impressive rate of success these past few Saturdays.
At Towcester that good hurdler, Goldspan, will win the Mistletoe Novices' Chase just as long as he takes to jumping fences in public as well as his The presence of two front stable and schooling com-runners - Desert Orchid and panion, Very Promising, did at Northern Trial - in the field for, Haydock Park on Wednesday.

Duke Of Milan, who runs in this afternoon's SGB Handicap Chase at Ascot, will be attempting to gain his fifth victory over the Berkshire course.

Out Of The Gloom a bright prospect Out Of The Gloom stamped himself as a Cheltenham horse when winning the Saucy Kit Novices' Hurdle at Doncaster yesterday to give John O'Neill his first winner for six weeks. O'Neill was out of action with a broken left arm after falling on Goosy Gander at Wetherby on November 3. The 6-5 favourier was retrained.

The 6-5 favourite was restrained

in the carly stages by O'Neill, but with some bold jumping, pulled his way to the front approaching the last hurdle and strode away from the opposition. "Out Of The Gloom will go for the Triumph Hurdle". Reg Hollinshead said. "I have had runners in that before, but the best I have managed is fourth." The have managed is fourth". The trainer was saddling his sixth success from 12 horses this season. John Francome, the leading jockey, who may announce his retirement plans at Christmas, is still chasing his first winner this month. He was on the runner-up.

Wassem, in this event and was later beaten on Rhythmic Pastimes, the favourite for the Sea Piegon Handicap Hurdle.

Jimmy Fitzgerald and stable tockey, Ron O'Leary, completed a favourites double with Direct Line and Zamandra, Direct Line started

and Zamandra, Direct Line started 3-1 joint favourite for the Red Alligator Handicap Chase and cruised home by 15 lengths from Far Bridge. The winner, pushed into the lead two out, soon had the race sewn up. Fitzgerald said: "He is like a tank at his fences and when racing at Cheltenham hit a fence two out and demolished it. He still managed and demolished it. He still managed to finish fourth there", Zamandra, starting 6-4 on, led two out but almost lost the advantage as O'Leary casually looked over his shoulder in the

dying stages.

Fitzgerald was angered by the over-confidence of his jockey. He said: "If he had lost the race I would him about his have had to tell him about his

Run And Skip jumped splendidly in the hands of Sam Moreshead, to gain a third successive all-the-way win in the Stoneleigh Handicap Chase at Warwick. The six-yearold's 10 length victory completed a 77-1 double for Morshead, who, was also successful on the 25-1 shot Rogairio.

Run And Skip, unbeaten this season, has improved his jumping out of all recognition and the secret is that he does no schooling. "The more you school him, the worse he jumps, so he doesn't see a fonce at home. John Spearing, the trainer, sard. He received the gelding at from home, but the leader out; jumped him to go away between the last two fences, with Port Askair running Nickle Moppett out of second place. "Run And Skip used to be a bad jumper, but appears to have got it together now". Spearing said,

pointing out that the gelding was out-of the handicap in the Welsh Grand National. In the circumstances, I don't think I will run him at Chepsion, but I'll think about it over the weekend", he added.

Regains, on whom Morshead get, up close home to beat the 5-4 favourite, Wyford, by a length in the first division of the Shirley Novices. Chase, was pulled up in his two previous races this season.

Roadster, who jumped to that front three fences out in the first division of the Novices Chase, was joined by his market rival, Flaven Tina, at the last, She might just have, touched down first, but Readster regained command on the run-in to win by two lengths.

Royal Charge, 33-1 winner of the...

second division to the Hampton Novices' Hurdle, was not backed by anyone on the Tote, so all win bets, were refunded. The dual forecast, however, paid £436.80 pence for a



O'Neill: victory on second day back

RICHOEE, (12-0) 3/41 2nd to Tudor Folly (10-3) at Wetherby (2m 4f ch, £3.033, good, Dec 3, 5 rant. CANNY DANNY, (18-7) 41 runner-up to Surrough Hill Lad (12-0) at Newbury, FORTINA'S EXPRESS (10-0) 22 away 4th (3m 2f ch, £14.231, soft, Nov 24, 13 rant), TOMPS LITTLE AL, (11-0) best Saltors Perturn (11-0) by 251 at Chepstow, creviously (11-10) beet Leander Blue 11-02 by 31 at Kempson (3m ch, £2.903, good, Nov 3, 4 rant), DUKE OF MILLAN, (12-0) poor 5th to Cybrand (10-2) reviously (11-10) beet Dorogal Prince (11-10) by 7 it lear (2m 4f ch, £2.443, good, Ca 31, 4-ant), GREENWOOD LAD, (11-7) best Burnt Cek (11-3) by 31 at Sandown (3m ch, £2.644, good to soft, Moy 30, 5 rant). DONCASTER [Televised: 1.45, 2.15, 2.50] [Televised: 12.50, 1.20, 1.55] GOING: good

1,55	LONG	WALK HURDLE (Grade 2: £7,016: 3m 2f) (11)
402	112-010	
403 404	424-231 0-00240	
405	Du203-1	
406	011/40-	HAL'S JOY (G Paimer) M Pipe 5-10-8P Leach
407	0243-12	KRISTENSON (BF) (Mrs U Fantasia) R Fisher 7-10-8
408	RO-0008	MAC'S TREASURE (Mac's Garage Weston Ltd) J Old 7-10-8 P Murphy
409	1100-30	
419	000-133	VTYAQUE (R Baker) D Elsworth 5-10-8
	01123	VOYANT (T Wragg) FI Perkins 5-10-8
412	2230-22	
		1983: Crimson Embers 8-10-11 S Shilston (14-1) F Walwyn 11 ran.

11-10 Crimon Embers, 7-2 Kristenson, 6 Vivacue, 10 Niglan, 12 Vovers, Von Trappe, 16

By Mandarin

12.15 Brown Trix, 12.50 Sec You Then, 12.0 CANNY DANNY (nap), 1.55

Crimson Embers, 2.30 Ragafan, 3.0 Maganyos,
By Michael Seely

1.20 Canny Danny, 2.30 BRAVE GEORGE (nap),

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2.30 FROGMORE HANDICAP CHASE (25,508: 2m) (6) 503 D111-04 LEFT BANK (D) (G Beccie) D Mortey 8-11-7
504 00p-432 RAGAFAN (CD) (F Sterm 8 Stevent 7-11-7
505 (u11-13 BRAVE GEORGE (D) (P Covell) P Haynes 7-11-0
507 220-31 RIVER RIVEN (D) (G Bowen-Colthurst) J Webber 7-10-13
510 24221- MODD MUSIC (D) (S Richard) R Hodges 12-10-0
1983: Iden Green 6-10-5 R Rowe (5-2 pt lav) D Grissell 5 ran. 2 Regalan, 3 Brave George, 4 River Rham, 5 Left Bank, 7 Mood Music, 10 Dyster Pond.

FORM: DESERT ORCHIO, (11-10) 51/21 3rd to Ra Nova (11-10) at Kampton, last year (11-2) beat Stans Pride (10-11- by 41 at Wincamton (2m India, 25,059, good to soft. Feb 23, 9 ram), SEE YOU THEN, (11-5) was giving 7th to the winner siner weight-for-age when 51 3rd to Ra Nova (11-3) at Newbury (2m India, 25,324, heavy, Nov 24, 7 ram), JOY RIDE. (10-13 beat Chioped Mebal (10-13) as easy looking 31 at Nottingham (2m India, 2744, good, Dec 3, 23 ram), NORTHERN TRIAL, (10-13) won unchallenged by 201 from Rhythmic Pastimes (11-2) at Leicester (2m India, 22,063, ach, Nov 3.00 HAMPTON COURT HANDICAP HURDLE (Amateurs: \$2,344: 2m 4f) 602 Cp-1100 TUGBOAT (B) (D) (H Hough) P Mitchell 5-11-10

603	1030-0p	FORTUNE COOKLE (R Allen) J Fox 12-11-10
604	122	MAGANYOS (D Samuel) N Handerson 4-11-7
BO5	p13-400	FIONNADOIR (C Brooks) F Winger 6-11-3
606	1-40000	BRITISH CROWN (A Kitford) M Madgwick 8-11-0
608	011-110	CHRYSAOR (P Fafier) S Christian 6-10-9
610	0-30040	BLEATHWOOD (R Jennaway) K White 8-10-7
611	84-024	MY CULLEN (D Barroft) D Thom 4-10-7
612	2000t/p	LADY SWEETAPPLES (J Duffy) D Elsworth 8-10-7 M Armytige 7
513	6	FATA MORGANA (Mrs P Pile) Mrs P Pile 9-10-7 Mrs D Mitchell 7
614	11400-1	BICKLEIGH BRIDGE (S Burficto) J Roberts 10-10-7
515	4344-22	MENDALEAK (D) (W Price) W Price 7-10-7
616	3324p0	GAZAAN (R Townsend) W Kemp 6-10-7
617	00/200-	BRANDO (CD) (J Sheppard) Fi Holder 7-10-7
519	0-31040	PIN TUCK (J.A.D. Engineering) P M Taylor 10-10-7 J Dewburst 7
620	FO-pp0p	DOME PERIGNON (D) (T Bushell) M Gloson 9-10-7
		1983: Sanhedrin 6-11-0 Mr S Sherwood (7-2) G Balding 19 ran.
	Pickleich	Bridge, 7-2 Maganyos, 9-2 Chryspor. 6 My Cultan, 8 Mendaleak, 10 Tugboat.
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TOWCESTER	4 123-4 HOUSEWISTRESS MISS R Harper 9-11-9MISS R Harper 7 30-26 DOUBLE BASS (BF) T Forster 7-11-4
GOING: good to soft	9 600-F GOLD RACER Dudgeon 7-10-11
	11 p/0-44 LAUREL HILL I Dudgeon 7-10-5
12.30 CHRISTMAS PUDDING NOVICE HURDLE	12 000-6 MORGANS GOLD P Princhard 5-10-0P Deve
(Div I: £634; 2m) (18 runners)	1983; Ivory Creet 5-10-0 S Jober (11-2 fev) P O'Connor 15 ran.
1 3221 ARWAIR R Hodges 5-11-7 R Linky 2 000-1 BOSSANOVA BOY (D) P Makin 5-11-7 Steve Knight	9-4 Double Bass, 11-4 Good As Ever. 7-2 Tar Knight, Housemistress, 8 Tight Schedule, 12 Goldenogen, 20 others.
3 041 CLARA MOUNTAIN (D) T Forster 5-11-7H Devies	LYCHOLING COOL OF MAIN CONTROL IN CONTROL OF CONTROL
8 0 BLUE DART J Gifford 4-10-11P Nicholis	2.30 HOLLY AND THE IVY CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS
9 00-00 CODGER R Armytage 4-10-11	
14 8 FREFOOM G Vargetie 4-10-11	HANDICAP CHASE (£1,192: 2m 50yd) (5)
17 00-34 GASOOF D Ringer 4-10-11	1 21-00 TOIRDEALBHACH P O'Connor 10-12-7
19 2p4-4 HENRY SELL K Soley 6-10-11A Webb 20 8 HIGHLAND FARMER O O'Nell 4-10-11M Coswell 4	2 2-10f PROFESSOR PLUM T Forster 11-11-7 G Charles-Jone
29 00/0 OYSTONS WINDMILL P Oliver 5-10-11	4 1302 NETHERSRIDGE (CD) D Gandatto 6-10-12P Crouche 7 p00-3 SPARTIQUICK J Castle 7-10-5
30 POINT CLEAR P W Harris 4-10-11	10 p131 HIS MASTER'S VOICE (B) M Henriques 6-10-5
39 02-04 SUPER GRASS S Malor 5-10-11 M Parrett	J Dugge
35 TROOP THE COLOUR D Nicholson 4-18-11 .P Scudamore	1983: Michight Song 8-10-7 H Davies (4-1) T Forster 13 ran.
36 pp- CLAIR SOLER, Mrs J Croft 4-10-6R Dicking 17 LOUISE JESSICA u Jackson 4-10-6 Burks	2 Netherbridge, Professor Pium, 5-2 Toirdealbhach, 10 Spaniquick
37 LOUISE JESSICA v Jackson 4-10-5	2 regulatings, Prolessor Plant, 5-2 remainded to specialized. 33 His Master's Voice.
NICOLA LOUISE Mrs J Plensn 4-10-6	
41 GA-IT QUELLE FARCE D Gandollo 4-10-6	3.0 CHRISTMAS PUDDING NOVICE HURDLE (Div II
1963: Rostra 4-10-6 A Webber (4-1) R Armytage 12 ran	0290, 9ml /101
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3.0 CHRISTMAS PUDDING NOVICE HURDLE (Div II:

DOWN FLIGHT C Holmes 4-10-11 A Chambertain
A Webb
FIGNENZO N Handsman 4-10-11 P Croucher 4
HUNTER RIVER F Walvyn 6-10-11 R Chambertain
KESSLIN N Vigors 4-10-11 Vinte
O00 KILBORE GULY Mrs H Parrett 6-10-11 C Jonas
P RACKLEY LANE R Pugh 4-10-11 23 p-0 KINSBOURNE LAD M CONNSI 4-10-11 P Carvál
29 PERCASE P Cundaã 5-10-11 A Gorman
35 4332 TIM BOY (8F) D Ringer 5-10-11 S McNeit
37 020-2 TOUR DE PORCE (8) P Makin 4-10-11 H Danies
41 00 GILBERTS CHOICE J King 5-10-6 E Walte
42 000 SPARKLERS SUPERB P Princhard 7-10-5 P Dever 1982: Zircon's Sun 4-10-11 K Mooney (20-1) D Laing 13 ran.

Today's course specialists ASCOT TRAINERS: N Crump 4 wms from 6 rutners, 65.7%, F Welwyn 13 from 61, 21.3%; N Gaseles 8 from 38, 21.1%, JOCKEYS: J Francome 31 winners from 153 rides, 20.3%; C Brown 9 from 55, 18.4%; S Smith Eccles 13 from 61, 16%.

DONCASTER TOWCESTER

season on the same horse - he rode Rag Trade in 1976. Ben de Haan and Corbiere brought off the double two

Doncaster results

12.45 (2m 150yd ch) 1. NERO WOLF (M Brennan, 4-5 favt 2, Jester's Night (P Tuck, 9-4); 3, Sportsman Haconby (D Crimn, 7-2), 3 ran, 30, dist. O Brennan at Newark, TOTE £1.90. DF: £1.50. CSF: £2.58. No bid for

1.15 (2*sm hdle) 1, OUT OF THE GLOOM (J. J. D'Noil, 6-5 tav; 2, Wassem (J. Franconna, 7-1; 3, Nehsbrider, (A. Brown, 6-1). ALSO RAN; 4 Savoir Viver (f), 8 Duet Fail (4th), Love Walland in, 16 Taberna Lord, 20 Pharson a Trassure, 25 Qualitair Princass, 23 Telecongoid (pu). Perahing (5th), Cheerful Days (6th), 12 ran, 4, 4, 1, 8, 5, F. Holmshead at Upper Longdon, TOTE: \$2.00, CL. 120, \$2.00, \$2.10, DF: \$5.00, CSF: \$12.28.

1.45 (2):m ch) 1, DRRECT LINE (R O'Leary, 3-1 jt fav); 2, Far Bridge (B Reily, 3-1 jt fav); 3, Oon't Forget (K Whyte, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Artmared, Stand Back (5th), 8 Peas Gang (4th), 9 Good Crack (6th), 14 See Splash, 8 res. 151, 3; 2):1, 27:2, 10. J Fizoperald at Melton. TOTE (2,00); 21:00. C1:00. C1:30. DF: S5:10. CSF: S12.08.

2.15 (2m hole) 1, ISHKOMANN (R Linley, 11-2), 2, Rhythmic Pastimes (J Francome, 7-4 lay); 3, Torf (C Gran, 5-1), ALSO PAN: 11-2 Comedy Fair, (5th), 15-2 Sweet College (I), 10 Aniso Treat (pu), 11 Steel Venture (8th), 16 Ameriks, 20 Cyprus Sky, 25 Emander (4th), 33 Tommy Gunner. 11 ran. 3, 17-1 nk, 2, 12-2, 130-23, 10-30. DF: 05-90. CSF: 216.37 Tricest: 251.35.

251.35.

2,45 (3m 122yd ch) 1. ZAMANDRA (R O'Leary, 4-5 lav); 2, Antiguan Moon (P Tuck, 13-2; 3, Wettere (J K Kinene, 7-2), ALSO RAN: B Pride O File (5th), 20 Blake (6th), Caloned Case (4th), Poloto (f), 50 Kerage (pu), Cosmic Occasion (pu), 9 ran. Mr, 151, 41, 81, 201. J Proportial or Maken. TOTE: E1.60; 21.00, 22.00, £1.40. DF. £5.30. CSF: £6.45. \$2.00, £1.40. DF. £5.30. CSF. £6.45.

3.15 (3m 122yd cn) 1, RBGTON SALLLY (PCOTIGAN, 5-4 fav); 2, Even Deeper (A Culmn, 7-2); 3, Whittley Blam (S Turmer, 8-1). ALSO RAN-5-2 Davidstown (f). 20 Erliged Goot (pu), Proud Outsook (5th), 33 Connety Grove Hith), NP: Twelfer, 7 ran, 12, 31, dat, 10, H Wharton at Wetherby, TOTE: £1.80; £1.40, £1.40, DF. \$2.70, CSF. £5.28.
Placeport £1.55. Tota Double: £13.45.
Trable: £10.20.

Warwick

Gaing: Heavy
12.39 (2m cti) 1, ROGAIRIO (S Morshart,
25-1); 2, Wylord (H Dovies, 54 (syl; 3,
Connsurght River (P Scudemore, 3-1); ALSO
RAN: 5 Flying Mistress (pd), 8 Johns Presert
(4th), 16 Magic Mouse (5th), 25 Rough Wind
(5th), 3 Says Eye (t), 50 Dutch Challenger (uf),
Fournam Valley (f), Funky Angel (pu), Rocy
Greent (pu), Harbour Bazzer (ur), 13 ren, 1,
19,14, 5, dat, P Salley at Sallsbury, TOTE
240, 30; 55,0, E1,20, E1,20, DP; 550 50. CSP;
256,44

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1.00 (2m hole), 1, WOODWAY (R Hyett, 6-1);
2. The Mooche (R Arnott, 7-1); 3, What A Popul (A Wright 20-1), ALSO RANE 7-2 fav Karnetsk, 7 Henrithnous (4th), 7 Steemy (Sth), 12 het Key (f), Sutten Zaman, 14 Aquerius Spirit (6ft), Kayabard King (m), 18 Discover Gold (pu), Invisible Rung, 20 Headale, Kartenoum (pu), Limithelia (Rott (f), 25 Cambridge Oreus (pu), Ernly (6 Pomme, 33 Big Injun, Woler Piume, 50 Bearlist (po), Oorald Davies, Obliged, Rowenged, Sem Pale, Machane de Coombe, 25 ran. 8, 21, 8t, et. D Whittle at Weetbary-Upon Savern, TOTE: £7.40, £4.10, £4.40, DF: £22.20, CSF: £53.96.

12.45 GLASGOW PADDOCKS SELLING HURDLE (£1,448: 2m 150yc) (16 runners)

TOTE: Double 1.45, 2.50, Treble 1.15, 2.15, 3.20,

Doncaster selections

By Mandarin 12.45 Cluedo, 1.15 Dover, 1.45 Townley Stone, 2.15 Little Bay, 2.50

1.15 TEAL NOVICE HANDICAP HURDLE (2548: 2m 150yd) (12) 7-4 Hand Over, 9-4 Dover, 5 Camp Kelpis, 7 Leave It To Bally, 5 Spanish Scid, 16 others. 1.45 FREEBOOTER NOVICE CHASE (Grade 2: £6,472: 2m 150yd) (6)

1 213-11 TOWNLEY STOKE (Mrs L. Townley) J Wabber 5-11-11 G k/cCc_rt
2 0-4123 SIA BULA (B) (G Pratt) M H Easterby 6-11-8 J O Nc. 1
4 01-122 GOLDEN FANCY (Northambris Letwers Light Victors 7-11-4 BT R J Bergsal, 1
5 1-4-911 THE WELDER (Bendar's or Carlisis) Mrs M Dictinson 6-11-4 B Earnsney
1 853; Noddy's Ryde 5-11-8 N Doughty (4-5 tay) G Richards 8 run.
4-5 Townley Stons, 3 State Case, 8 The Welder, 8 Suiz Bulz, 12 Golden Fancy, 16 Abovensor

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TOWNLEY STONE (11-5) had long-time leader SULA BULA (11-3) 11'-f back in 3rd when # winning at Ascot (2m ch, C16,398, good, Nov 16, 7 ran), SULA BULA (11-7) beaton 15t by Frogue; Forwarder (11-10) after slipping on landing 2 out when still leading: GOLDEN FANCY (11-2) [as 3 out (Chelenham, 2m ch, 12-35, solt, Nov 18, 4 ran), STATE CASE (11-15) trew clear from 2 out when winning Nottingham handicap by 15f from Kavinstort (10-4) (2m ch, £1,713, good to firm, Dec 3, 9 ran). THE WELDER (11-7) beat ABU TORKEY (11-0) 5f (Nottingham, 2m ch, £1,116, good in firm, Dec 3, 12 ran).

Selection: TOWNLEY STONE. 2.15 SHEILA'S COTTAGE CHASE (Limited handicap: Grade 2: £9.356:~

2 -3122 LTTLE SAY (C.D) (BF) (Mrs S Catherwood) G Richards 9-11-10 D Caskley 4-24-24 RYEMAN (B) (BF) (D Stater) Mrs M Dickinson 7-10-6 Remishaw 11 MOSSY MOORE (M Caira) K Onver 8-10-7 TG Dug 11-2-12-12 ALDRO (P Rilley) W Calva 8-10-7 TG Dug 11-2-12-12-1383; Fearless imp 8-11-7 R Earnshaw (4-6 fay) M W Dickinson 4 run.

1983: Fearless Imp 8-11-7 R Earnshaw (4-6 tay) M W Dickurson 4 run.

Evens Mossy Moora, 2 Little Bay, 11-4 Ryeman, 25 Aidro.

FORM: LITTLE BAY, 11-7) headed closs home when neck 2nd to 4 to Far Bridge (10-0) at ² Sandown (2m ch. 28.837, good to soft, Dec 1). RYEMAN (11-10) 101 lest of 4 to Cusy Man (10-2) if when odds-on levourise last time out, previously (11-1) blundered at last when 41 2nd of 4 to 1/2 Cybrandian (10-8) at Ay (2m 4f ch. 25.020, good to soft, Nov 24. MSOSY MOOR (12-1) kept on, strongly to best Granders (11-3) 5I at Newcastle (2m 4f ch. 21.956, heavy, Dec 3, 4 ran). ALDRO
(11-2) 1'-1 2nd of 6 (11-2) to Stand Back (11-10) at Uttowers (2m 4f ch. 22.822, good to sor). Dec 7

2.50 EMBASSY PREMIER CHASE (Qualifier: £2,422: 2m 4f) (2)

FORM: CYBRANDIAN (10-6) completed 4-timer with 4 Ayr with over Ryeman (11-1) descales, blandening 2 out (2m 4f ch. 25,020, good to soft, Nov 24, 4 rani, EMMASON (11-4) 51 2nd of 10 to 3 vide of Wellon (11-4) 8. Notlingham (2m 8f ch. 21,945, good, Dec 8).

3.20 NIGHT NURSE HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,473: 2m 4f) (8) 1 DOP31-0 NEWLIFE CONNECTION (D) 8 McM88an) W A Stephenson 5-11-10

4-6 Atzal, 9-2 Newtife Connection, 6 Cettle Cracker, 8 Mayhem, 12 Listarda, Mountaineer, 15";

1.30 (2m hdis) 1, SEDGE (K Burke, 13-6 fav); 2 Pert On The Back (G Cristes-Jones, 16-1); 3, Valiant Dancer (R Lawson, 33-1), ALSO RAN; 7 Rix Woodcock (6th), Tender Love, 8 Solitaire (L Cummy's Boy, 10 Apono Base Gul, 12 Here (L Cummy's Boy,

EA2.95.

2.30 (2m ch) 1, ROADSTER (A Webber, 4-1 it 129); 2, Flexasa Thas (6 Memagh, 4-1 it 129); 2, Flexasa Thas (7 Memagh, 4-1 it 129); 2, Flexasa Thas (8 Memagh,

By William Stephens

The climax of the winter term, the Public Schools singles championships, begin at Queen's Club stoday and Tombridge are favourities to win. They have the outstanding competitor in Rupert Owen-Browne, who sharpened up with William Boone on Thursday, taking one game and being close to 2-2 with the world champion who, by all accounts, was not taking things lightly.

Owen-Browne, the J. K. Foster Cup first seed, has the spectacular limitiance of James Male, but is

2.0 PORT AND BRANDY HANDICAP CHASE (21,245:

2 Canny Danny, 3 Richdes, 4 Tom's Little Al, 11-2 Fortine's Express, 8 Duke Ol Milan, 10 terwood Lad, 14 Beshful Led.

3 Hunter River, Ashlone, 4 Rheflanosa, Tour De Force, 8 Tin Boy sssin, 12 Al-Abjar, Percase, 14 others.

TRAINERS: Mrs M Rimel 4 wins from 22 runners, 18.18%, M H Easterby 12 from 70, 17.1%; G Richards 4 from 27, 14.5%. JOCKEYS: R Earnstraw 6 winners from 27, 14.5%.
35, 20.0%; J J O'Near 9 from 50, 18.0%.

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TRABERS: H Armytage 12 wirs from 52 runners, 23 1%: N Gasales 11 trom 55, 18.6%; T Forster 29 from 149, 19.5%.
JOCKEYS: P Double 7 wirners from 30 rides, 23.3%; H Davies 21 from 122, 17.2%; V McKewit 5 from 37, 13.50%.

John Burke sets out on the first leg of a unique double in the £22.000 Welsh National at Chepstow tomorrow week. Burke is aiming to win the Welsh National and the Grand National at Aintree next March on the Toby Balding-trained Lucky Vane. He is already one of only two jockeys to win both races in the same season on the same horse — he rode Rag Trade in 1976.

CERICIAL: SCRATCHINGS: At engagements (dead): King's Pardon, Generous Heert, Limeosik, Mass Aston, Alastor O Mevroe, Felrtax King, Pair Patrick, Hay Ride, Welspal, Fishermens View, Count Vronsky, Duncanaby Heed.

Spouse's duty of disclosure in matrimonial dispute orders

[Speeches sold December [3] A wife who became engaged to be remarried after her divorce from her husband was bound to disclose that fact to the husband or his solicitors and thereby to the court before a compromise of her claim for financial provision and property adjustment previously arrived at between the parties' solicitors was embodied in a consent order pursuant to section 25 (1) of the

Matrimonial Causes Act 1973. The House of Lords allowed an appeal by the former husband. David Henry Jenkins, from the Court of Appeal (Sir John Arnold, President and Mrs Justice Heilbron's (The Times, December 22, 1983). who had dismissed an appeal by the misband from Judge Cox in Plymouth County Court.

Section 25(1) of the 1973 Act. as originally enacted, provided:
"It shall be the duty of the court

in deciding whether to exercise its powers [to order financial pro-vision] under section 23(18a), (b) or (c) or 24 above in relation to a party to the marriage and, if so, in manner, to have regard to all the circumstances of the case including the following matters, that is to say (a) the income, earning capacity, property and other financial resources which each of the parties to the marriage has or is likely to have in the loresecable future; fb the financial needs, obligations and responsibilities which each of the parties to the marriage has or is likely to have in the foreseeable future...".

Mr Robert Johnson, QC and Mr Anthony Myer for the husband; Mr Swinton Thomas, QC and Miss Jean Ritchie for the former wife, Beryl Livesey (formerly Jenkins).

LORD BRANDON said that the husband had left the matrimonial home in October. 1981. In the course of correspondence beginning in September, 1981, the parties' solicitors had reached agreement on

a number of matters.

First, the marriage having broken down irretrievably, the wife should divorce the husband on the basis of his confession of adultery.

Second, she should have custody of the children.

Third, following the proposed divorce, there should be a consent order of the court in respect of financial provision and property adjustment that would dispose

finally of all claims by both parties.

The wife was granted a decree nisi on March 1, 1982, which was made absolute on April 14. On or about August 12, 1982, the parties' solicitors reached final agreement about the form and terms of the about the form and terms of the

proposed consent order. It con-lained two essential provisions material to the appeal.

First the husband was to transfer his half-share in the marrimonial home to the wife, subject to the mortgage on it for which she would thereafter have sole responsibility.

The expressed purpose of that transfer was to provide her with a home entirely of her own in which she could live with the two children.

Second, all the wife's claims for financial provision for herself should be finally dismissed. It was apparent from the correspondence that these two provisions were

The possibility of the wife deciding to remarry, particularly in the near future, before the proposed consent order came to be put into effect had never been mentioned in the correspondence between the solicitors or between the parties

On August 18, 1982, the wife had become engaged to another man whom she had first met on July 12. She did not disclose that fact to the husband or his solicitors or even to her own solicitors.
On September 2, the consent

order was made. On September 22, the husband conveyed his half-share in the matrimonial home to the wife, that half-share being worth somewhat over £12,000. On Sep-tember 24, the wife remarried. The husband subsequently learned of

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remarriage at any time before the making of the consent order it was clear that the husband would have withdrawn his consent to the making of that order.

The husband applied for the disclose a material fact. The judge had considered himself bound by the decision of Mr Justice Tudor Evans in Wales v Wadham ([1977] WLR 199) to refuse to set aside the order. The Court of Appeal had dismissed the husband's appeal.

The scheme that the legislature had enacted by sections 23, 24, and 25 of the 1973 Act was a scheme under which the court would be bound, before deciding whether to exercise its powers under sections 23, and 24, and, if so, in what manner, to have regard to all the circumstances of the case, including, inter-alia, the particular matters specified in paragraphs (a) and (b) of

section 25(1).
It followed that, in proceedings in which parties invoked the exercise of the court's powers under sections 23, and 24, they must provide the court with information about all the circumstances of the case, including niter alia, the particular matters so specified. Unless they did so, directly or indirectly, and ensured that the information provided was correct, complete and up to date, the court was not equipped to exercise and could not therefore lawfully and properly exercise, its discretion in the manner ordained by section

In contested cases relating to the exercise of the court's powers under sections 23 and 24 the requirement that it should have the prescrib information was met by rules of court with which both parties must comply: Matrimonial Causes Rules (SI 1977 No 344), rules 73 to 76 and

The situation regarding consent orders, especially where no affi-davits were filed and reliance was placed entirely on the exchange of information between the parties' solicitors, had at the material time been less satisfactory: there had been no specific statutory provisions or rules of court.

It had been common practice for registrars to make such orders without making any such inquiries themselves but relying on the fact that the solicitors could be relied on to have inquired adequately into all the matters to which regard had to be had under section 25 (1). That practice, which had since been improved, had not been wholly

satisfactory.
It followed necessarily from what his Lordship had said that each party concerned in claims for financial provision and property adjustment (or other forms of ancillary relief) owed a duty to the court to make full and frank court to make full and frank disclosure of all material facts to the other party and the court. That principle of full and frank disclosure in such proceedings had long been recognized and enforced as a matter of practice. The legal basis of that principle, and the justification for it. were to be found in the statutory provisions to which his Lordship had referred.

Once it was accepted that that orinciple of full and frank disclosure existed, it was obvious that it must apply not only to contested proceedings heard with full evidence adduced before the court but also to exchanges of informatio between parties and their solicitors leading to the making of consent orders without further inquiry by the court. If that were not so, it would be impossible for a court to have any assurance that the requirements of section 25(1) had such consent orders.

Applying that principle to the facts of the present case there could he no doubt that the fact that the wife had, on August 18, 1982, become engaged to be remarried shortly was a matter that she had been under a duty to disclose before the agreement with regard to

Jenkins v Livesey (formerly Jenkins)

Before Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, Lord Chancellor, Lord Scarman, Lord Keith of Kinkel. Lord Bridge of Harwich and Lord Brandon of Oakbrook
[Speeches sold December [3]]

The importance of the wife's non-disclosure of her engagement to adjustment previously reached between the solicitors on either side had been put into effect by the making of a consent order in the form the husband. That being so if the husband or his solicitors had been informed of the intended circumstances of the case referred to in sertion 25(1) and was further of insertion 25(1) and was furt in section 25(1) and was further of direct relevance to the particula

matters specified in paragraphs (a) and (b) of that subsection.

Such disclosure should have been made by the wife to her own consent order to be set aside on the ground that the wife had failed to husband's solicitors, and the husband himself, as soon as the engagement to remarry had taken place. Since it had not been made, the consent order was invalid and the husband should be entitled, in order to prevent injustice, to have it

> Mr Justice Tudor Evans had been wrong in Wales v Wadham to reject wrong in Wales v Wadham to reject so much of the husband's claim as had been based on the need for full and frank disclosure in ancillary proceedings in the Family Division.
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> Following the decision of the Court of Appeal in the present case. Practice Direction (Family Division: Financial Statement) ([1984] 1 WLR 674) had been issued relating to the procedure to be followed in applications for financial provision or property adjustment. That had clearly been a step in the right direction so far as the making of consent orders was concerned.
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> A further step in the right direction had been made by section 33A of the 1973 Act, inserted by section 7 of the Matrimonial and

section 7 of the Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Act 1984, and the new rule 76A of the Matrimonial Causes Rules 1977 inserted by rule 8 of the Matrimonial Causes (Amendment) Rules (SI 1984 No. 1511)

(Amendment) Ruics (St. 1704 Po-1511).

Rule 76A, dealing with the procedure to be followed on applications for consent orders for financial relief, laid down a procedure including the lodging of a statement containing the kind of information that the court needed to have before making an order in have before making an order in accordance with the revised criteria contained in the new section 25 substituted for the original section 25 of the 1973 Act by section 3 of the 1984 Act.
It must not be thought, however,

that those further provisions altered in any way at all the basic principle of the need for full and frank disclosure by the parties before a consent order was made.

The form of the consent order made in the present case was open to a number of criticisms. When a consent order was drafted, it was essential that all its terms should come clearly within the court's powers conferred on it by sections 23 and 24 of the 1973 Act.

in the present case there were several terms that were not within those powers. The proper procedure for incorporating such other bligations into a consent order was by formulating them as undertak-ings given to the court. Such undertakings were enforceable as effectively as direct orders.

His Lordship would end with an emphatic word of warning. It was not every failure of frank and full disclosure that would justify a court in setting aside an order of the kind concerned in the present appeal.

On the contrary, it would only be in cases when the absence of full and

frank disclosure had led to the court making, either in contested proceedings or by consent, an order that was substantially different from the order that it would have made if such disclosure had taken place that a case for setting aside could possibly be made good.

Parties who applied to set aside orders on the ground of failure to disclose some relatively minor matter or matters, the disclosure of which would not have made any substantial difference to the order that the court would have made or approved, were likely to find their applications being summarily dis-missed, with costs against them or, if they are legally aided, against the legal aid fund.

The Lord Chancellor, Lord Scarman, Lord Keith and Lord Bridge agreed.

Solicitors: Gregory Rowcliffe & Co for G & I Chisholm. Bodmin; Bower Cotton & Bower for Bond

Compassion in not deporting to be personal

Regina v Immigration Appeal Tribunal, Ex parte Bakhtaur

Before Lord Justice Stephenson, Lord Justice Fox and Lord Justice

Parliament had not thought it desirable that the Home Secretary should have a general power to deport at his discretion under the immigration Act 1971 but had specified certain cases where it had thought it to be in the public interests. that a person should be liable to deportation. But even in those cases paragraph 154 of the Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules, (HC 66 (1982)) had indicated a further protection, namely, a balancing of the public interest with the ionate circumstances of the

The Court of Appeal, in a reserved judgment, allowed an appeal by the Immigration Appeal Tribunal against an order of Mr Justice Hodgson dated March 2.
1984, that a decision of the tribunal refusing the applicant, Mr Bakhtaur Singh leave to appeal against the decision of Mr D, Parkes, an adjuditude of Mr D, Parkes, and adjuditude of Mr D. adjudicator, dated May 3, 1983, should be quashed and be rescinded.

Mr John Laws for the tribunal; Miss Frances Webber for the

LORD JUSTICE FOX, giving the judgment of the court, said that the applicant was described as "a priest/musician". He was a Sikh and priesquisician. The was a sikil and an Indian citizen aged about 34 years. He came to this country in September 1979 with a work permit for employment as a member of an Indian folk music group. He was given permission to remain until November 30.

Early in November 1979 he made application to stay for a further three months as a visitor, almost immediately afterwards he applied for a further six-month stay as a music teacher and priest. Those

In June 1982, the applicant was arrested and charged with overstaying. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to two months' imprisonment; in addition a recommendation was made for his deportation. ation. He appealed to the crown court. The recommendation was

On October 4 the applicant was on October 4 the applicant was informed, through a member of Parliament, that he should leave without delay. He did not do so. The Home Secretary therefore decided to deport him under section 3 (5)(a) of the Immigration Act 1971

Notice of that decision was given to the applicant on February 1, 1983. He appealed to an adjudicator, and that appeal was dismissed. The applicant then sought leave to appeal to the Immigration Appeal Tribunal. The tribunal refused leave. In the present proceedings the applicant sought judicial review of those two

The adjudicator took the view that the loss to the Sikh community of the religious and musical services community was not proper to be taken into account by him and in particular did not constitute compassionate circumstances of HC 66. In reaching that conclusion the adjudicator followed Mr Justice Forbes's decision in R v Immi-gratum Appeal Tribunal. Ex parte Sobal ([1981] Imm AR 20).

itself and the statute, the words "public interest" could only be referred to in paragraph 154 as the public interest in favour of deportation and as excluding any considerations of public interest which might be against deportation.

in the context of the document

Furthermore, the "compassionate circumstances" referred to in paragraph 154 were those of a personal nature relating to the impact of the departure upon the applicant himself which aroused

It was the personal situation of the applicant himself that one was concerned with. Thus, in paragraph 156 (dealing with recommendations for deportation by a court) the listed circumstances were all essentially personal to the applicant see R v Immigration Appeal Tribunal. Experte Patel (The Times, February

interpreted by Mr Justice Woolf in Pate's case was rightly decided and that accordingly the adjudicator in the present case did not misdirect himself in law.

Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor,

Adjournment of access case is appealable

Regina v Slough Justices, Ex parte B

The decision of justices to adjourn sine die the hearing of the parents' application for access to their son under the provisions of section 12C of the Child Care Act 1980 was appealable to the Divisional Court of the Family Division. It was not appropriate to seek lunicial review and an order for certiorari directing the justices to hear the parents' application, Mr Justice Wood sitting as an additional judge in the Queen's Bench Division stated on December 13 when dismissing an application for judicial review for judicial review.

HIS LORDSHIP said that the boy, aged 21/4, was in care under section I of the Children and Young Persons Act 1969 following the making of a place of safety order.

The local authority had written to the parents stopping access and stating that it was the intention to apply to the High Court for leave to place the child for adoption.

The parents' summons under the 1980 Act and the local authority's application to the High Court had been made on July 17, 1984. The local authority had asked for the parents' application to be adjourned generally because of their High Court application.

By an appeal from the decision of the justices to adjourn, both sets of proceedings would be in the control

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Before Mr Justice Peter Gibson Hudgment delivered December 6) A club, an unincorporated body and incapable of owning property. and by the Finance Act 1965 to which each member was entitled. and incapable of owning property was nevertheless an entity of assessment both for corporation tax and development land tax purposes. Assessments made on Worthing The commissioners, while accepting that the assessments on the club had to be discharged, rejected the contention that liability attached only to the members. The trustees, they decided, did not hold the land and development land tax purposes, Assessments made on Worthing Rugby Football Club to the two taxes in respect of gains accruing from the sale by it of development land were valid assessments and the special commissioners had been accompaniately in law to discharge them. as bare trustees for the members; those members were not "persons absolutely entitled as against the wrong in law to discharge them.

Mr Justice Peter Gibson so held in the Chancery Division when dismissing appeals by the trustees of the club and allowing cross appeals by the Crown from determinations by the commissioners that had discharged all the assessments on the club but had upheld alternative assessments to the tax made on the

The club was founded as an unincorporated members' club in 1920. In 1926 it had accquired freehold land at West Worthing for use as its ground and headquarters. The club trustees were registered as the proprietors of the land which they held subject to club rules.

In 1977 51; acres of the land were sold for £171,500 and the next year three-fifths of an acre were sold for £26,000. Consequent on those sales the club was assessed to development land tax for its financial year to March 1978 of £153.058 and for the following year of £12.813. Alternative assessments to the tax for those periods were also made on

Additionally the Club was assessed to corporation tax in respect of chargeable gains for its accounting period to April 30, 1978 of £35,700 and for its accounting period to April 30, 1979 of £14,300. Alternative assessements were likewise made on the trustees.

The trustees appealed to the commissioners against all the assessments. They argued that tax liability attached only to the individual members of the club at the relevant dates with the result that no tax was chargeable because of the exemptions given by the Development Land Tax Act 1976

Club capable of being assessed to

gains and development tax

trustees" for the purposes of either section 28(1) of the 1976 Act or section 22(5) of the 1965 Act. The result was, they held, that the trustees were the person properly chargeable to the taxes. Both parties

Mr Philip Lawton, QC and Mr Edward Grayson for the trustees; Mr Robert Carnwath for the Crown,

MR JUSTICE PETER GIBSON said that there was no doubt that apart from statute an unincorporated association like a club was not a legal entity. Club property was vested in trustees for its members whose rights and obligations were governed by the contract, usually the club's rules, which they entered on becoming members.

But the appeals were concerned not as much with the general law as with statutory provisions. By sections 238 and 526(5) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970, corporation tax was charged on gains accruing to unincorporated associations. By section 22(5) of the Finance Act 1965 where assets were held by a person as trustee for

neig by a person as trustee of another person or persons absol-utely entitled as against the trustee, the assets were to be treated as being vested in such person or persons. The Crown argued that the club. having a separate existence for corporation tax purposes, was chargeable to that tax on the gains because it was "a person absolutely entitled as against the trustees" to the assets disposed of. Mr Lawton

did not deny that a club could be chargeable to corporation, tax but argued that to come within section 2.2(5) the club would have to be an cutting which under the general law was capable of acquiring, owning and disposing of property.

corporation tax purposes.

the commissioners' determination appeal had to be reversed.

The Crown's case again was that the provisions of the Interpretation Act applied so that "person" in section 28 included an unincorpor-

property, an unincorporated associ-ation was an entity of assessment for certain tax purposes, his Lordship concluded that it was to be treated as an entity for development land tax purposes as well. It followed that the Crown's appeal in relation to the development land tax assessment

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unacceptable. By virtue of section 19 of the interpretation A₁1 1889 a "person" in section 22(5) included any "body of persons corporate or unincorporated. Thus an unincorporated association was to be inside a second that could treated as a person that could dispose of assets including land. That was entirely in accordance with the treatment of an unincorporated association as an entity of assessment for income tax and

treated as if it were vested in the person so entitled.

was also allowed. All the assessments against the trustees were discharged.

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Accordingly the Crown's argument on section 22(5) being correct. on the capital gains part of the

By section 4(2) of the Develop-ment Land Tax Act 1976 the person chargeable to the tax imposed on the realization of the development value of land was "the person making the disposal". And by section 28 where an interest in land was held on a trust for a person pheniusly excited as against the absolutely entitled as against the trustee that interest was to be

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5.55 Shipping,
6.00 News Briefing; Weather,
6.10 Prelude,1
6.30 News; Parming Today,
6.50 Prayer, 6.55 Weather; Travel,
7.00 News, 7.10 Today's Papers, 7.15
On Your Farm, 7.45 in
Perspective, 7.50 Down To Earth,
7.55 Weather; Travel,
8.00 News, 8.10 Today's Papers,
8.15 Sport on 4.

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8.15 Sport on 4.
8.48 Yasterday in Parliament. 8.57
Weather, Travel. 8.00 News.
9.05 Crisckpoint. With Roger Cook.
9.30 Profile. Jack Higgins talks about his late development as a writer.
9.50 News Stand. David Willie's review of the weekly magazines.
10.05 The Week in Westminster. With Pater Riddell.
10.30 Pick of the Week. With Margaret Howard (1).

Howard (r).†
1.30 From Our Own Correspondent.
2.00 Naves, Money Box. With Louise

Botting.
The News Cuiz, With Simon
Hoggart, Alan Coren, Geoffrey
Dickinson and Jim Naughtle.

1.00 News.
1.10 Any Questions? 1.55 Shipping.
2.00 News; The Atternoon Play The
Journal of Vasilije Bogdanovic' by
Alan Plater. Footbell story, about
a Yugoelavian international
playing for an English club. With
Sandor Eles.†
News; The Burkins Way (Lesson
461.†

461.1
3.30 of lee and Men: The Story of the British Antarctic Survey. With Sir Vivian Fuchs (2).
4.15 The Chip Shop. New technology and its impact. With Barry

Norman.
4.45 Keep Your Talls Up. A modern day Canterbury Tale, with Viscent

5.00 Wildlife.
5.25 Whek Ending. Satirical review.1
6.00 News; Sporis Ridund-up.
6.25 Desert Island Discs. The

7.05 Stop the Week with Robert Robinson, Music by Peter

7.45 Baker's Dozen, Richard Baker

cestaway is Ray Cooney, Artistic Director of the Theatre of

12.55 Weather.

Tv-am

6.00 Good Morning Britain, presented by Henry Kelly begins with a final took at the Greene's dream home. News at 6.25, 7.00 and 8.00; Christmas cooking advice from Rustie Lee at 6.20; sport at 7.10. The guests are Raiph McTelf, Dave Brennon and Lon-8.30 The Wide Awake Club for

young people.

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9.25 Cartoon Time. 9.30 Fraggle Rock (r). 10.00 The Saturday Starahip, Cartoons, pop Statumpt, and guests, presented by Boranie Langford, Tommy Boyd and Nigel Roberts, 11.20 Space 1999: The Rules of Luton. Science liction adventures starring Martin Landau and Barbara Bain (r). 12.15 World of Sport introduced by

Jim Rosenthal. The line-up is: 12.20 World Cup Ski-ing: the Men's Downhill from Val Gardena; 12.35 Boxing: Gomez v Nelson; Cooney v Chaptin; 12.45 News; 12.50 On the Bell with Jimmy Greaves and Ian St John; 1.20, 1.55 Wresting, from Aylesbury, 1.40, 2.10 and 2.45 Racing from Doncaster, 2.25, 3.00 and 4.00 Snooker; the second semi-final of the Hofmeister World Doubles Championship; 3.45 Football half-times and reports 4.45 Results.

5.00 News and sport. 5.05 Candid Camera. More unsuspecting citizens are made to look foolish.

5.35 Mockbusters, General knowledge quiz for teenagers, presented by Bob Holness. 6.05 The A-Team. The resourceful quartet find themselves caught between a repactous record company, a singing group and a school's top football player.

7.00 Tarby and Friends, Jimmy Tarbuck's guests are fluss Abbot, Phyllis Diller, Bobby Davro, Billy Eckstine and Julian Lennon.

7.45 Punchines. Celebrity panel game, presented by Lennie Bennett.

8.15 3-2-1. Couples from Stockport, Oxford and Yorkshire compete in a quiz and a game. Plus song, dance, comedy and magic from guests who include Brendan Shine. Presented by Ted Rogers. 9.15 News and sport.

9.30 Snooker: The Hotmeister World Doubles
Championship, Dicke Davies
Introduces the closing session
of the best-of-17 semifical. The commentators at the Demigate Centre, Northampton are John Pulman, Dennis Taylor, Rex Williams, Ray Edmonds and

12.15 London news headlines followed by Bellamy. The policeman is on the trail of h bomber who murdered his landlady when she discovered his cache of explosives. As Bellamy closes in on his quarry the risk to his own life

1.00 Night Thoughts from Dr Shella

Jill Balcon, Jack May. Drama, set in 15th century Spain. It is the story of Juana La Loca Joan the Mach, the Infants of Spain. It was her strange likess that drove her mad, and she was deprived of

her rightful inheritance. †
10.00 News.
10.15 You the Jury. The motion: The Church of England should be disestablished. With Eric Hefter and John Selwyn Gummer. The chalman: Dick Taveme.
11.00 Evening Service. Calendar: David and Gollath.†
11.15 Great Liners. Recollections of the days when the big shice used

days when the big ships used Southampton. (3). 11.30 Son of Cliche.1

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12.00 News; Weather. 12.33 Shipping
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Wales only) Radio 4-vinf as above,
except: 5.55-8.00am Weather;
Travel. 1.55-2.00pm Programme
News. 5.50-5.55 Programme

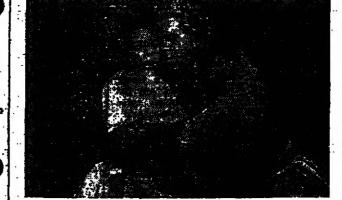
Radio 3

6.55 Weather, 7.00 News.
7.05 Aubade: Handel's (arr Beecham)
Antival of Queen of Sheba;
Eccle's Sonata in A minor (Mine/
Russell); Beethoven's Ahl perfido
(Schwarzkopf); Chausson's
Quelques Danses (Doyen, plano);
Schumann's Konzen's stuck for
four horns and orchestra;
Donkreti's Concertino in G
(Holliger, cor anglale);
Chadwick's Symphonic
Sketches; Salzedo's Divetimento
for Brass Sexter. 9.00 News.
9.05 Record Review: Geoffray Norris

for Brass Sextest 9.00 News.
Record Review: Geoffrey Nortis compares recordings of Shostalcovich's Plano Clumtet. And Barry Fox on the expense of numing a CD system.†
Stereo Release: Rimsky-Korsakov's suits Made;
Rachmaninov's Cinq Morceaux de Fantaisia, Op 3 (composer, on piano rolls); Bridge's Suits for string Orchestra; Rachmaninov's Rhapsody on theme of Paginin (Ousset, piano).†
Pfizzner and Mozart Symphonies: Austrian Radio SO (under Zagrosek) play Pfizzner's Symphony in C sharp minor; and Mozart's Smphony No 40.† 1.00 News.

News. 1.05 Mozart and Shostakovich: Mark

Lubotsky (violin), Boris Berman (piano), Mozart's Sonata in F



Maria Ewing as Poppea and Denris Balley as Nerone in L'Incoronazione di Poppea (BBC 2, at 8.15, Radio 3 at 8.10)

BBC 2

9.00 Ceefax. 18.16 Open University: Manufacturing with Polymers. 18.35 Open Lecture: Dr John Horlock, vice-chancellor of the OU. 11.25 Robotics: Making OU. 11.25 Robotics: Melding Sense of Uncertainty. 11.50 Caring for Older People: Voluntary Workers, 12.15 Fluid Mechanics. 12.40 Farmers Summing Up. 1.86 Centur.

3.25 Film: Sun Valley Serenade* (1941) starring Glenn Miller and Sonja Henle, Musical romance set in the winter sports resort of Sun Valley. Directed by Milton Sperling. 4.45 Film: The Forbin Project (1969) starting Eric Braeden, Susan Clark and Gordon Pinsent, Science fiction thrille

about a computer who uses its almost limitiess knowledge to thwart man at every turn. Directed by Joseph Sargent, 6.25 The Sky at Night. In Forgotte Constellations Patrick Moore Constellations Patrick Moore examines old star maps and tells the stories of old groups

of stars that have long been forgotten by astronomers (r). 6.45 A your is France! Lesson ten of the 15-part Franch conversation course for beginners (r).

7.10 News and Sport. 7.25 Rugby Special. Nigel Starmer-Smith with highlights from this aiternoon's game at Cardiff Arms Park between the . Barbarians and the Australians - the last game of the Australians' tour.

8.15 The Saturday Alternative: L'incoronazione di Poppea. Glyndebourne production of Claudio Monteverdi's opera in two acts and a prologue, directed by Sir Peter Hall who, in his introduction, describes the work as one of the very few operas in which 'goodness tails and vice is rewarded'. Starring soprano Maria Ewing (Lady Hell) as Poppea and Dennis Bailey as Nerone, Emperor of Rome, with the Shortebooms Choque with the Glyndebourne Chorus and the London Philharmonic Orchestra, Interval at 9.50

10.55 Film: Leap into the Vold (1980) starring Michele Piccoli, Ancuk Aimee and Michele -Placido. A claustrophobic tale of a brother and sister who live in a Rome speriment. The woman's sadness and depressions leads to her and would be better off dead. (English aubtitles) Ends at ...

Sonata Op 134.1

2.00 Vand's Operas: Rigoletto, Sung in Italian, Giulini conducts Vienna State Opera Chorus and Vienna Philharmonic. With Domingo. Cappuelli, Ileans Cotrubas, Gheurov. Acts 2 and 3 begin at 3.05. Intervel talk at 3.00.1

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4.15 French Plano Music: Michele Boegner plays Franck's Pretude, Chorale and Rugue; Rameau's Sigue en rondeau; le Rappel des ciseauc; Debussy's Etudes (incl. Pour les agréments).1
5.00 Jazz Record Requests; with Peter Clayton.1
5.45 Critic's Forum: John Spurling, Christocher Cook, Michael

5.45 Critic's Forum: John Spusing, Christopher Cook, Michael Ratcliffe and Claire Tomalin discuss, inter alla, the film Gremlins and the Granada TV production of The Ebony Tower. Franz Schmidt: Plano Concarto in Effet, with Hans Petermandi, soloist. The orchestra is the Austrian Radio SO under Ernst Marzandorfer 1.

Dante in Rotterdam: Graham

L'incoronazione di Poppea

L'incoronazione di Poppea! Montaverdi's opera – the 1984 Glyndebourne production. David Notar conducts the London Philinamonic Orcitostra. The cast includes Marta Ewing (Poppea), Dennis Balfey (Nerone) and Cynthia Clarry (Octavia). With the Glyndebourne Chorus: Includes an Interval at 8.50. A simultaneous transmission with

simultaneous transmission with BBC 2. Haydin: L'Estro Aronico play the Symphony No 18, and the Symphony No 88; and the Salmon Quartet play the String Quartet in D. Op 71. No 2.1. News. Unit 12.00. Medium Wave: As VHF above except 7.05am - 11.15ams Cricket The Second Test between England and India, in Delhi. The third day's play.

Radio 2

News on the hour until 1.00pm, then from 6.00 (except 8.00pm and 9.00). Headlines 6.50pm, 7.30.
4.00em John Turner Including 5.02.
Cricket 6.00 George Ferguson'i including 6.02 Cricket, 7.50 Racing, 8.05 Bydd Jacobst including 9.02 Cricket, 10.00 Sounds of the 60st including 10.02 Cricket, 11.00 Album Timet including 11.02 Cricket, 11.00 Cricket, 12.02 Cricket, 10.00 Sounds of the 60st including 10.02 Cricket, 11.00 Cricke

including 11.02 Sports Desk 12.02

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CHANNEL 4

1.00 Making the Most Of ...

1.25 Chips' Comic. 1.55 Film: Transatientic Merry-Go Round* (1934) starring Jack Benny, Musical comedy about the intertwined lives of

the intertwined lives of passengers on a cruise liner. Directed by Benjamin Stoloff.

Film: The Horn Blows at Midnight (1945) starring Jack Benny as an angel who is sent down to Earth to herald the end of the world. Directed by

5.05 Brookside (r). 6.00 Danger Man* Secret Service man John Drake investigates the reasons why 'planes belonging to an air transport company in the Par East keep crashing. 6.30 Rock 'n America. Video clips:

7.00 News summary and weather followed by 7 Days. Robert Kee and Ann Loades Intervie the Bishop of Durham, and John Roberts, general secretary of the Lord's Day Observance Society, on the findings of the Gallup poll on the state of the Church of England; and a member of the NCCL explains why the organisation believes there should be an enquiry into

police picket line tactics. 7.30 Film: The Bespoke Overcost (1955) starring David Kossof and Alfie Bass. An Oscarwinning short about a Jewish clerk who returns from the grave to claim a cost which he thinks is rightfully his. Directed by Jack Clayton.

8.00 The Sonnets of William Shakespeare. Michael Bryant performs Sonnet 91; Sir Roy Strong speculates on its

8.15 Muck and Brass. The final episode in the series finds Craig on the brink of succe Twenty Twenty Vision: Child Sex Abuse. The story of Keith recently convicted of sexually assaulting a 10-year old girl.

10.00 Hill Street Blues. A callous teenaged murderer has been released and the precinct officers are to keep a special eye on him 11.00 Pushing Up Daisles. Topical comedy existens.

11.35 Film: Homickiai* (1961) Horror tale of a house occupied by a murdering maniac, a frightened, paralysed old lady and an odd William Castle.

Cricket. 1.90pm Radio Active. 1.30
-Sport on 2. Includes Cricket (India v
England) and Rugby Union (Barbarians
v The Wallables): 5.50 Racing Results.
5.55 Pools News and Football Results.
6.00 Folk on 2 (Steeleye Spart and
Martin Simpson). 7.00 Jazz Score at
Ronnie Scott's. 7.30 A Victorian Eventor
recorded at the Osean Elizabeth Hot. rioring scots s. 7.30 A victorist Evening, recorded at the Cusen Elizabeth Hal, London, 8.10-8.30 Interval, 9.30 Big Band Special, † 10.02 Sports Desk, 10.05 Ksn Bruce, † 12.05era Night Ovis with Dave Gelly, † 1.00 Nightride, † 3.00-4.00 Pop Over Europe, †

Radio 1 On medium wave, t also VHF stereo News on the half-hour until 12.30pm, then 2.30, 3.30, 5.40, 7.30, 5.30 and 12

then 2.30, 3.30, 5.40, 7.30, 9.30 and 12 midnight. 5.55am Radio 1 Chip Shop. Basicode 2 + Computer Program. 8.00 Mark Page. 8.00 Peter Powell. 10.00 Dave Lee Travis. 1.00pm Lenny Henry. 1.200 Paul Gambaccini. 1.400 Saturday Live. 16.30 in Concert featuring REM. 1.30 ran Brass (including sessions from Pure Glass and Tropical Blue). 9.30-12.00 Doie Peach. VHF Radios 1.2.4.00em With Radio 2.1.00pm With Radio 1.7.30-4.00em With Radio 2.1.00pm With Radio 1.7.30-4.00em With Radio 2.1.00pm With Radio 2.1.00p WORLD SERVICE

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6.00mm Newsdeek. 7:00 World News. 7.09
Themty Four Hours. 7.30 From The Weekles. 7.45 Network UK. 8.00 World News. 8.06
Reflections. 8.15 A Jolly Good Show. 9.00
World News. 8.05 Review of the British Press. 9.67 News. 9.00
World News. 8.05 Review of the British Press. 9.67 Look Ahead. 9.45 Singers Of. Schubert. 10.00 News Summary. 10.01 That's Trad. 10.05 News Summary. 10.01 That's Trad. 10.15 Letter From America. 10.39 People and Politics. 11.00 World News. 11.09 News About. British. 12.00 Flacid News. 11.00 News About. British. 12.00 Flacid News. 10.00 News Summary. 2.07 News News. 10.00 Proflep Proflep. 200 News Summary. 2.07 Mexics News. 2.35 About Time. 9.00 Review Summary. 2.07 Mexics News. 9.00 Commentary. 4.15 Seturday Special. 8.00 News Summary. 8.07 Seturday Special. 8.00 News Summary. 1.05 New Mess. 11.50 New Mess. 11.50 News. 11.50 News. 12.50 News. 12.5 British Frees. 4-19 Chanter I to German Press. 3.08 News About British. 3.15 From Our Own Correspondent. 3.29 My Music. 4.00 Newsdock. 4.30 Julie Box Dury. 5.45 Letter

BBC 1

8.55 Heads and Talks (r). 9.10 People First. The last of five films for parents of bandicapped children (d. 9.35 Making the Most of the Micro. The use of the micro in communications (r).

10.00 Asian Magazine Includes profiles of three young Asians who have won the gold in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Dute or Exercise 3 Ames Scheme; plus a film report on the Manchester Law Centre.

10.30 Languages for Life, Italian version with subtitles (r).

10.55 Morning Worship from Knockbreda Methodist Church, Belfast, 11.40 See Heart A special Christmas edition of the magazine programme for the hard of uring includes a visit to the yal School for the Deaf in Margate to watch children preparing for their pentomime 12.30 Farming, 12.53 Weather 12.55 Magic Roundabout (r). 1.00 This Week Next Week

begins with a news summar to the subject for the week in the life of alot is week in the life of alot is limmy Boyle, the convicted murderer who now runs a rahabilitation unit for exprisoners in Glasgow

1.50 Face the Music. Valerie Pitts, David Attenborough and Richard Baker have their musical knowledge tested by Joseph Cooper.

2.25 Film: Up in the World* (1956) starring Norman Wisdom as window cleaner who folls a kidnap plot through his own etence. Directed by

3.55 International Show Jump The Cognec Courvoisie Knock-Out Stakes. The commentators at the Grand Hall, Olympia, are Raymond Brooks-Ward and Stephen 5.10 The Dukes of Hazzard, Luiu

Hogg, arriving at Hazzard airport, picks up the wrong suitcase and waltzes off with a

6.00 The Prisoner of Zenda. Rupert of Hentzau makes Rudolf an offer he violently refuses (Ceefax).

6.30 News with Jan Learning. 6.40 Songs of Praise from presented by Paul McDowell (Ceetax).

7.15 Sports Review of 1984, Introduced by Desmond Lynam and Harry Carpenter with David Coleman and Jimmy Hill. Four hundred sports personalities are at BBC Television Centre to relive the best of the year's sporting action and to acclaim the Sports Personality of The

8.50 Tenko. The final episode and the women prepare for their departure to England. Meanwhile, a farewell picnic on the beach is ruined when news (Contax).

9.45 News with Jan Learning. 10.00 Perry Como's Christmas in

Paris with Angle Dickinson, Line Renaud and the Notre Dame Boys Choir (r). Everyment Render United Caesar. The story of Hitler's repression of the Christian faith in Germany which began 50 years ago this week with the enactment of the

Conspiracy Law and of those brave enough to defy Hitler for the sake of their faith.

11.30 Weather.

Radio 4

On long wave. † Stereo on VHF
5.55 Shipping. 6.00 News Briefing;
Weather. 6.10 Prelude. † 6.30
News; Morning as Broken. 8.55
Weather, Travel.
7.00 News. 7.10 Sunday Papers. 7.15
Apna Hi Char Samajniye. 7.45
Bells. 7.50 Turning Over New
Loaves. 7.55 Weather, Travel.
8.00 News. 8.10 Sunday Papers.
8.15 Sunday.

8.15 Sunday.
8.50 Henry Cooper appeals for housing for fmil elderly people.
8.55 Weather: Travel.
9.00 News. 9.10 Sunday Papers.
9.15 Letter From America by Alistair Cooks.

8.30 Morning Service (from St Mery's Church, Bamber Bridge, Preston). Mess is celebrated by Father ken Petiti.

The Archers, Omnibus edition. 11.15 Weekand.
12.00 Four Romentic Heroes (4): Maxim de Winter marries a young second wife in Rebecca by Daphne Du Maurier. With June Barrie as the second wife and Charles Ker as Maxim.

trame as the second wire and Charles Key as Maxim (r).

12.30 The Food Programme. Report from the Dusry Valley on the 1984 port vintage. 12.55 Weather.

1.00 The World This Weekend: News.
1.55 Shipping.

2.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time visite Essex.

visite Essec.

2.30 The Afternoon Pisy "The Friend of the Family" by Pycdor Dostoevsky dramzitzed by David Blum. With David Suchet, Citve Merrison, Alan Dudley, The setting: Russia in 1859.†

4.00 News; Taiking About Antiques. Arthur Negus and Bernard Price discuss your questions with Hugh Scully.

4.30 The Living World: Programme extracts broadcast during the past year.

past year, 5.00 News; Travel. 5.05 Down Your Way visits Hawkhurst

BBC 1 Wates 1.50-2.40pm Weekend Rugby Union. (Barbarians v The Australians) 2.403.55 Comedy Matines: Carry On Sergeant. 11.30-11.35 News of Welse. Scotland 9.10-10.00 See Heart 10.30-11.20 Seven Days. 17.20-12.05 Morning Worship (from Knockbreds Methodist Church, Bellast) 12.05-12.30 Languages for Life ("Lingue per la Vita") 2.25-3.05 Sunday Sportacene. 3.05-3.55 Bonanza. 11.30-11.35 Scottish news. Northern Ireland 10.00-10.30em Farm View. 10.00-11.00pm Transport of Delight. 11.00-

GRANADA As London except: 9.25am Ministure Chess Masterpleces. 9.35-10.00 Survival. 11.00 Sense of the Past. 11.25 11.00pm Transport of Delight. 11.00-11.40 Everyment: "Render Unto Caesar". 11.49-12.10am Farm View. 12.10-12.15 Northern Ireland News. S4C Starts: 12.00 noon Davis Cup: Sweden v US. 2.40pm Living Body, 3.10 The World – a TV History. 3.35 Basketball, 4.35 Business

a.ss Beaketball. 4.35 Business Programme. 5.60 American Football. 7.15 Newyddion Amaeth. 7.25 Newyddion. 7.30 Caryl. 8.00 Rheglen Hywel Gwyrntyn. 8.40 Hywel Morgan. 8.15 Dechrau Caru, Dechrau Carmol. 9.50 Snooker. 11.00 Hill Etreet Blues. 12.00 Closedown.

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TV-am

. 6.55 Good Morning Britain, presented by David Frost, begins with a Thought for Sunday from Steve Turner. News at 7.00, 8.00 and 9.00; Rub-a-Dub-Tub at 7.02 (r): cartoon at 8.02; Derek Jameson reviews the newspapers at 6.50; and David Frost interviews Edward Heath

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9.25 Cartoon Time. 9.35 The Smarts. 9.50 Cartoon Time. 10.00 Morning Worship from Manvers Street Baptist Church, Bath, 11,00 Getting On, For the older viewer, presented by Gillian Reynolds

and Tony Van den Bergh, examines the history of pantomime. 11.30 Care Bears.

An animated story. 12.00 Weekend World The Gorbachov Visit: will it help unfraeze relations between East and West? 1.00 Police 5.

1.15 The Big Match. Brian Moore presents highlights from two of yesterday's First Division games, 2.00 The Human Factor. Sue Jay with three people whose ambition it is to come vicers in the Church

of England, 2.30 London News headlines followed by The Smurts. 2.45 lappy Days.

Snooker, Dickle Davies Snocker, Dickle Davies introduces coverage of the opening frames in the final of the Holmeister World Doubles Championship.

4.30 Terrahawks. Science fiction

 Suilseye, Darts and general knowledge game. 5.30 Sunday Sunday presented by Gloria Humiford. The guests are Wille Rushton, Larry Grayson, Anthony Hopkins, Christopher Timothy and the

5.30 News. 6.40 Appeal by Sue Cook on behalf of British Agencies for Adoption and Fostering.

6.45 Highway. Sir Harry Secombe in the Ulster American Folk Park in Omagh. 7.15 Child's Play. Derek Griffiths

and Su Ingle unravel children's descriptions of everyday 7.45 Film: Murder by Death (1976) starring Elleen Brennan and Truman Capote. An eccentric millionaire invites five of the world's top sleuths to 'dinner and murder'. When they arrive their host informs them that whoever discovers the identity of the person who will commit the murder planned for midnight will earn a million

9.30 News.

dollars. Directed by Robert Moore (Oracle). 9.45 Play: A Kind of Alaska, by

Harold Pinter, starring Paul Scofield, Dorothy Tutin and Susan Engel. A women wakes up in a white painted room she does not recognise to find a man at the end of her bed who is elected Mayor of Stackton Tressel and Hilda has a hand knows her but is a stranger. in organizing the ceren

10.55 South of Watford, Ben Elton re-discovers the London of the Fifties as portrayed by Colin McInnes's Absolute Beginners trilogy (r). 11.25 London news headlines

toliowed by Snooker. Highlights of the closing stages of the Holmeister World Doubles Championship. 12.30 Night Thoughts, in Kent. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. News.
The Case Against God. Last of Gerald Priestland's eight programmes. Verdict and the Sentence.

6.45 Silent Night. Kevin Crossley-Holland traces the history of of the most beloved of Chris

7.00 Travel; Father Brown Stories.

Paul Scofield and Dorothy Tutin in Central Television's production of Harold Pinter's play A Kind of Alaska (ITV, 9.45 pm).

BBC 2

9.00 Ceefax. 11.00 Open University: Living with Technology: Dome is What You Make it. 11.25 Ceefax.

1.20 Caefax. 1.55 Horizon. A Mathematical Mystery Tour. A trip through the esoteric world of pure mathematics (r).

2.45 The World Chi Championship. Jeremy James analyses Kasparov's first win over Karpov which came after 41 moves of the 32nd game. 3.10 George Orwell. The last in the

series of Arena films on the life and work of George Orwell begins with the death of his wife Elleen and his retreat to Jura where, stricken with despair and tuberculosis, he writes his last novel, Nineteen

4.05 Music from St George's. The fifth concert from St George's Brandon Hill, Bristol, features the Bochmann Quartet who play string quartets by Haydn and Benjamin Britten. 5.00 Geoffrey Smith's World of

5.25 Skl Sunday, introduced by David Vine from Val Gardena in the Italian Dolomites, where the Men's Downhill is in

6.00 News Review. A digest of the week's news. Subtitled. 6.30 The Money Programme,

includes an assessment of prospects for next year's package holiday companies; and the boom in simulation 7.15 Sounds of Christmas introduced by Richard Stilgos from the Chichester Festiva Theatre. Featuring the Band of

HM Royal Marines, The Cambridge Buskers, the Choir of Chichester Cathedral and of Chichester Cathedral and Christ's Hospital Junior Choir. With organists Jeremy Suter and Malcolm McKelvey. 7.55 The Natural World. The rellowstone National Park.

8.45 Did You See . . . ? Ludovic Kennedy presents a tribute to Marshall McLuhan: The Man and His Message, narrated by from Norman Mailer, Pierre Trudeau and Jonathan M 9.30 Dear Ladies. Councilor Hinge

10.00 Film: Slither (1973) starring James Caan, Peter Boyle and Sally Kellerman. A released prisoner and a fallow crook begin a search for embezzied money entrusted to a man who promised to 'invest' the fortune while the prisoner was serving his sentence. Dire by Howard Zieff. Ends at

CHANNEL 4

12.00 Tennis: The Davis Cup Final, Simon Reed and David Licyd Gothenburg, for the match between Sweden and the United States. This transmission covers the opening singles rubber. Further coverage of the petomorrow and Tuesday 2.25 Film: A Home of Your Own! (1964) A silent comedy short

about the building of a young couple's dream house. Directed by Jay Lewis. British Council: Have Cul Will Travel. The story of the

British Council, coinciding with the 50th anniversary of its 4.15 Book Four, presented by

Grigson talks about his latest book, Recollections, and looks back at his 50 year career as 4.45 Keren Armstrong. The former nun talks to Sister Frances

Sleegers, a Dutch Roman Catholic nun who took the ved at the age of thirty. 5.10 News summary and weather 5.15 The Business Programme. lam Carson reports on the attempt by Barclays Bank to become a major force in the securities industry by bringing together a merchant bank, a stockbroker

and a stockjobber. Plus an interview with the former editor of The Times, Harold Evans, about his plans for a magazine to rival Time and Newsweek, 6.00 American Football, Highlights

of the game at the Texas Stadium, Dallas, between the Dallas Cowboys and the Nashington Redskins. 7.15 The Dismissal. The final episode in the drama senal about the events that led to the

dismissal of Australia's Gough Whitlam government by the Governor-General, in November 1975. 8.15 South Seas Voyage, Krov Menuhin, his wife Ann and son Aaron end their trip with an

exploration of a number of the islands of Papua New Guinea. 9.15 People to People presents City General. A profile of the City General Hospital, Stoke-on-

Trent, formerly a workhouse.

9.45 Snooker. The closing frames of the final of the Hofmeister World Doubles Championships, introduced by

11.00 approximately Film: He
Walked by Night* (1949)
starring Richard Basehart as a
thief who murders a policeman and immediately becomes the subject of an intensive manhunt. Directed by Alfred Werker and Anthony Mann. 12.25 approximately Closedown.

and in B flat major Op 106.1 4.00 Lutostawski and Copland: Michael Collins (clarinel) and City of London Sintonia. Lutoslawski's oversure for strings; and his Denoe Prefudes, for Clarinet and orchestra; and Copland's Clarinet Concerto; and Two Blaces for strings. Radio 3

Coptend's Clastret Concerto; and Two Pieces for strings.? 4.45 The Vasnier Songbook: Jitt Gomez (soprano) and John Constable (plano) in works by Debussy, Introduced by Richard Langham Smith.? 5.30 New Premises; Stephen Games's arts review. 6.15 BBC Philharmonic Orchestra's 50th Anniversary: Gunther Herting conducts Bruckner's Symphony

6.55 Weather. 7.90 News.
7.05 Austrien Baroque Music:
Performances, on record, of
works by Biber, Emperor Leopold
1, Froberger, Schmeizer, Fux,
Haydır (Missa rorate coeff
desupér), Leopold Mozart
(Sinfonia pastorelle),1
8.00 Brahms Chamber Music: Adolf
Busch and Rudolf Serkin play the
Vloën Sonets in G Op 78; and
Serkin, Busch and Hermann
Busch play the Plano Trio in C Op
87-19.00 News.
9.05 Your Concert Choics: Berlioz's
overture Rob Roy: Besthoven's
Andente con variazioni WoO 44,
No 3 (Mayer, mandolin and
Rohmann, pisno); Gordon
Jacob's Clarinet Quintet (Thes.
King/Acollan); Ravel's Plano
Concerto in G (Rogé is the
soloist);
10.30 Music Weeldy (includes Alan) No 8.7
7.30 Folkersadet (People's Council).
Ian Rodger's translation of
Gumar Helberg's political satire,
starring Maureen O'Brien, Nigel
Anthony and Michael Deeks. With
music by Deikus, played by BBC
Concert Orchestra (r).†
9.30 Borodin Piano Trio: concert. Part
one. Shostakovich's Trio No 2,
Op 67.1
9.30 Dideroi: The Gentle Philosophe.
Maurice Cranston, Professor of No 8.1 Concerto in G (Rogé is the soloist).

10.30 Music Weekly: includes Alan Tyson on the beckground to whet could be a new Mozart symphony; and Richard Ceborn on Enahms and his choral music.†

11.15 Domingo and Friends: the tenor and Virginia Alonso (soprano), Paloma Perez-higo (soprano), and Austrian Radio SO (under Navarro) in works by Ruperto Chapi, Revertano Soutušo and Juan Vert, José Serrano, Tomés Bretón, Jerbnimo Gimánez, Federico Moreno Torroba, Manuel Penella, and others. Part two at 12.05, with interval reading

Maurice Cranston, Professor of Political Science at the LSE, talks about the French writer, critic and editor of the Encyclopedie. Borodin Plano Tric; part two. Beethoven's Trio in E flat Op 70 No 2.7

No 2.1

10.30 The Reith Lectures: John Searle, Professor of Philosophy at University of California, Berkeley, gives the last of his six talks on the theme Minds, Brains and two at 12.05, with interval reading at 12.00.7 Petworth Festival 1984; Delmé String Guartet, with John McCabe (plano). Haydri's String Guartet in D major Op 78 No 5; Robert Walker's Quintat for plano Science.

11.00 Stephen Bishop-Kovacevich:
plane recital, Bach's Partita No 4
in D, BWV 828; and Beethoven's

IN D. SWV 225; and bestoven's Sonate No 31 in A flat, Op 110.1 News. Until 12.00. Medium waves As VHF above except 7.05 ~ 11.15sm Cricket: The Second Test between England and India. The fourth day's play. 11.57

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

Survival. 11.00 Sense of the Past, 11.25 Asp Kea Hak. 11.30-12.00 Down to Earth, 1.00-2.00 Champions, 2.30-3.15 Big Match, 10.55-11.25 Comedy Tonight, 12.30am Closedown.

HTV As London except: 9.25am
Professor Kitzel: 9.30-10.00
Victy the Viking, 11.30-12.00
Harpschord Builder: 1.00pm Wild,
World of Animals, 1.30-2.00 West
Country Farming, 2.30-3.15 Big Match5.30-6.30 Magnum, 10.55-11.25
Struggle, 12.30am Closedown.

CHANNEL As London except starts 12.56pm Good News 1.00 Baby & Co. 1.30-2.00 Link. 2.30-3.15 The Big Match. 5.30 Puffin's Place. 5.35-6.30 Fall Guy. 10.55-11.25 Struggle, 12,30em Good News, Closedown.

Hopert Walker's Quintet for plano and strings.†

1.35 Poetry Now: Alan Brownjohn introduces a selection of poems.

2.30 Beathoven Sonatas: Peter Serkin (plano) plays Sonata in E minor Op 90; Sonata in A major Op 101;

BORDER as London except: 9.30-19.00 Gardening Time. 11.30-12.00 Perspectives. 1.00pm Border Diary. 1.05 The Protectors. 1.30-2.00 Farming Outlook. 2.30-3.15 Big Match. 5.30-6.30 Fall Guy. 10.55-11.25 Strange But True. 12.30am Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: Starts 11.00 am-12.00 Sense of

SCOTTISH As London except: 9.25em American Life. 9.30 Christmas Carol. 10.00 Human Factor. 10.30-11.00 Canadian Factor, 10.30-11.40 Canadian Documentary, 11.30-12.90 Christmas Story, 1.00pm Diffrem Strokes, 1.30 Farming Outlook, 2.00 Hand in Hend Together? 2.30-3.15 Glen Michael Cavalizade, 4.30 Scotsport, 5.30 Terrahawks, 6.00-6.30 Bullseye 10.55-11.25 Struggle, 12.30am Late Call, Classification. TVS As London except 9,25am Action Line, 9,30-10,00 Atom Ant. 11,30-12,00 Farm Focus, 1,00pm

Operation Raleign, 1.30 Hardcastle & McCormick, 2.30-3.15 Big Match, 4.30-5.00 Adventurer, 5.30 Terrshawks, 5.55 News, 6.00-6.30 Human Factor, 10.55-11.25 Teachers Only, 12.30am TSW As London except: Scarts 9.30cm-10.00 Gerting On. 11.00 Invisible Man on the Jesus Beat. 11.25 Look and See. 11.30-12.00 South West Week. 1.00pm Gard ans For All. 1.30-2.00 Farming News. 2.30-3.15 Big Match. 5.30 Gus Honsybun. 5.36-6.30 Fall Guy. 10.55-11.25 Struggle. 12.30cm Postsoript. Closedown.

ANGLIA As London except: Starts 9.30am-10.00 Greatest Thinkers. 11.30-12.00 Wells Cathedral. 1.00pm Just Our Luck. 1.25 Weather. 1.30-2.00 Farming Diary. 2.30-3.15 Big Match. 5.30-6.30 Fall Guy. 10.55-11.25 Sheltey. 12.30am Christian People, Cheschory.

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with records. Saturday-hight Theatre 'Ride a Red Pony' by Angela Sewell. With Anne Rosenfield, John Church,

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REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

GRANADA As London except. 9.25em Cartoon. 9.30-10.00 Jacksons. 11.20-12.15em Chips. 12.15em Hammer House of Mystery and Suspense. 1.30 Closedown.

TYNE TEES as London except.

9.25-30 Morning
Glory, 8.65-10.60 Young Locksround
11.30 Jacksons, 11.50-12.15 pm
Betman, 5.10-5.35 Candid Camera,
12.15 am Jazz Lile, 12.45 Poet's
Consections

TVS As London except: 11.20 am Grovie Ghoules. 11.45-12.15 pm Jebberjawa. 12.15 am Company. Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 9.30-16.00 am Jacksons. 11,20-12.15 pm Chips. 12.15 am

YORKSHIRE As London except: 9.25 em Cartoon. 9.30-10.00 Jacksons. 11.20-12.15 pm. Tarzen. 12.15 am Teachers Only. 12.45 Closedown.

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ULSTER As Lindon except \$25 am-9.90 Carboon, 11,20 Harlem Globerotters, 11,50-12,15 pm Wild World of Animals, 4,55-5,00 Uniter Sports Results, 12,10 am Closedown.

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HTV As London except: 9.25em Professor Kitzel 9.30-10.00

Jacksons, 11.20-12.15pm Father Murphy, 12.15am Closedown, HTV WALES: No variation.

ANGLIA As London except Starts 9.30 am-10.09 Fraggle Rock, 11.20-1215 pm Tarzan, 12.15 em At the End of the Day, Closedown.

Seven stories by G. K. Chesterton (3); The Edge of Apollo. With Andrew Sachs a detective-priest. 7-39 Bookshelf. Radio 4's good le 7.30 Booksheff, Radio 4's good books programme. Alan Coren joins the Just William Inn dub. 8.00 Evening Service. From St Martin-in-the-Fields, London. 8.45 Theatre of Blood. Aspects of the life, plays and poetry of Federico Gardia Lorca. 9.00 News; Masters's India. John Masters's sags of the Savage tamay spanning the years 1825-1946. Book Three; "The Lotus and the Wind". (3) Levels of Deception. 8-58 Weather.

18.00 News.
10.15 The Snow-Baby, A portrait of Alson Utiley, the creator of Little Grey Rabbit and other animal characters, born 100 years ago.
11.00 Mindful of the Love, Canon Michael Austin's Bustrated talk on the Advent theme. (3) Hausen.

Michael Austin's Rustrated talk on the Advent theme. (3) Heaven. Inside Perlament. 12.09-12.15 News: Weather. 12.33 em Shipping Forecast. VHF (available in England and S. Wales only). Radio 4 vhf is as shove, except: 5.55-5.00 am Weather, Travel. 6.55-7.05 Open University: Preparing Your Home and Your Family. 1.55-2.00 pm Programme News. 4.00-8.00 Study on 4: 4.00 Bernidomn at Christmas. 4.30 Get By In German (5). 5.00 A Yous is Francel 5.30 Por aqui.

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YORKSHIRE As London except: 9.25em-10.00 Getting on. 11.00 Kongur, 11.30-12.00 Farming Diary. 1.00pm-2.00 Champions 2.30-3.15 Big Match. 10.55-11.25

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TYNE TEES As London except: 9.25em Morning Giory, 9.30-10.30 Getting On. 11.00 Marc Chagall, 11.25 Lookaround, 11.30-12.00 Barman, 1.00pm News, 1.30-2.00 Farming Outlook, 2.30-3.15 Big Match, 5.32-6.30 Falcon Crest, 10.55-11.25 Viewpoint, 12.30am Barbershop Chorus, Closedown.

the Past, 1,00 pm Nature of Things, 1,30-2,00 Farming Ulster, Farming Weather, 2,30-3,15 Sig Metch, 5,30 Short Story Theatre, 8,00-6,30 Benso 10,55-11,25 Nine to Five, 12,30 am

Stores to cease Sunday trading

By Derek Harris Commercial Editor

About 70 do-it-yourself stores operated by Woolworth's B & Q chain, and 20 Do-It-All shops owned by W H Smith, are stopping Sunday opening.

Another three chains -Marley's Payless, Texas Homecare, which part of Home Charm, and Wickes - said yesterday they were "considering the position.

However, J. Sainsbury, 13 of whose Homebase stores open on Sunday is not changing its opening policy. The decisions by B & Q and

Do-It-All to close on Sunday from this week come after the Prime Minister's warning that the law should be obeyed until ment decide on the Auld Committee's recommendations that Sunday trading restrictions

It was after Mrs Thatcher's remarks that Debenhams, the department store group, and Sir Terence Conran's Habiatat chain withdrew plans to open on Sunsays.

Closures of do-it-yourself shops will mean job losses, mainly for part-time workers and a cut in overtime pay. Woolworth said

decided to cease Sunday open-ing "in the light of this week's The decision also affects the Sunday opening of a handful of Woolworth and Comet strores. Only 30 of B & Q's main outlets in Englsand and Wales have not been

opening on Sundays.

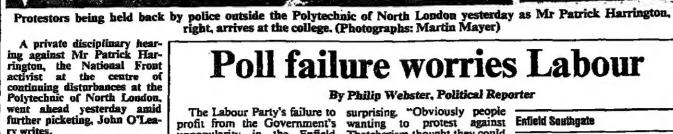
About half of Do-it-all stores have been opening. Texas has about a quarter of its 130 outlets open on Sundays, Payless about half of its 58 outlets, and Wickes about 20.

J Sainsbury, which now has 23 Homebase centres, said: "Nothing has happened for us to change our policy set up three years ago." In areas where local authorities had requested a Homebase not to trade Sainsbury had compiled, said the

One question so far unanswered is whether this week's developments will lead to local authorities stepping up action to stop Sunday trading by the big chains, which decide to remain

Front student faces college hearing







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4,711

ry writes. College authorities would give no details of the meeting, which lasted more than an bour. But Mr Harrington's lawyer. Miss Tessa Sempik said: "The interview proceded in a very fair way. It was quite a reasonable discussion and I would have no criticisms of

Mr Harrington was interviewed by his head of department and Dr David MacDowall, the polytechnic director who opted for early retirement after clashing with leaders of the Inner London Education Authority over his handling of the case.

Mr Harrington broke the polytechnic's disciplinary code by making racist remarks in a television interview will be delivered by Wednesday. Mr Harrington was con-

fronted by about 150 demoncide to remain strators when he arrived for his Letters, page 7 final lectures of the term.

Last chance to see

Poll failure worries Labour

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

The Labour Party's failure to surprising. "Obviously people rofit from the Government's wanting to protest against appopularity in the Enfield Thatcherism thought they could profit from the Government's unpopularity in the Enfield Southgate by-election is causing continuing anxiety among senior party members and led to renewed claims from the Liberal-Social Alliance yesterday that it had become the effective opposition to the Tories.

The poli, in which Mr Michael Portillo, the Conserva-tive, was returned with a majority of 4,711, followed the trend of recent by-elections with the Alliance reaping the benefit of voter dissatisfaction with the governing party and the candidate, Mr Tim Slack, gaining 35 per cent of the vote. Labour's lost deposit was not

a surprise, for it had become obvious from an early stage that many of Mr Peter Hamid's and are challenging the Tories."

Dr David Owen, the SDP natural supporters were moving behind the Alliance.

Mr Neil Kinnock summed up tions since the general election the party's dilemma when he admitted that the result was disappointing but not really cent and Labour 27.5 per cent.

Children; City Museum, Broad St,

Enfield Southgate do so by voting for the nearest thing to the Tories or by staying Despite the sharp fail in the (Captain Rainbow Universal) Tory majority, from 15,799 at the 1983 election, there was relief among ministers and senior backbenchers that it had Troops Out of Cyprus)

Burgess, I. I. (Aboilsh Greater Loudon
Restore Middlesex Shire)

Shenton, R. E. not been even smaller after a month of upsets over the Government's handling of over-(English Nationalist) Anscomb, H. M. (Death seas aid, student grants, local government and pensions. Off Roads, Freight On Rail)

Mr John Gummer, the party chairman, described it as a good Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, said: "The long term significance is that we have elbowed Labour out of the way

General election, June 1983: Berry, Str Anthony (Con) 26,451; Morgan, D. L. (Lib) 10,652; Honeyball, Miss M. (Lab) 8,132; Braithwaite, M. (Brit Nat Party) 318; Con, Maj; 15,799. ing that in the seven by-elec-

Gorbachov breaks ice with visit to London

Continued from page 1 The Gromyko-Shuitz talks held out the hope of arms control agreements, and Mr Gorbachov's visit was "an important opportunity to in-crease mutual understanding." Sir Iain said he did not accept the terms "freeze" and "thaw". He had found on errival two years ago that official exchanges were "much reduced" compared to the 1970's, but dialogue with Moscow had never ceased.

"Returning to Moscow, I felt that the process of reciprocal estrangement had gone to far. It was right to respond forcefully to Soviet actions, but one needed effective formus in which to convey the message." Britain also had to explore Soviet attitudes at a time of leadership changes, and "to demonstrate to the Soviet. people that we are not the inimical sterotypes portrayed in Krokodil (a Soviet magazine) Sir Ianin said be fully agreed

Sir Ianin said be fully agreed with Mr Shultz's remark in Los Angeles in October that the West had to stick to a long term strategy, and "sudden shifts of policy" stemming from understandable emotional reactions to Soviet behaviour were not the best way to pursue Western interests. "There has been an increasing realization been an increasing realization – perhaps accepted earlier in London and other European capitals than in Washington -That when the Soviet Union acts in a way we find objectionable it may not always make sense to break off negotiations or suspend agree-

The Ambassador, who has reinvigorated cultural and commercial ties in the past two years, denies that the Soviet market was being neglected. This year there had been visits by the Minister of Trade, the President of the Confederation of British Industry, the Gover-nor of the Bank of England, several senior businessmen and local chambers of commerce, as well as Lord Jellicoe, president of the Overseas Trade Board.

"No, the British have been pushing very hard. Where we do lag behind is in volume of trade." Britain had been first among Western exporters to Russia in 1950, but had slipped to fourth in 1968 and minth last year (1983).

Weather

forecast

Scotland will drift slowly NW,

and maintain an unstable S

airstream over most areas.

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SEA PASSAGER: 8 North See, Steat of Dovers and English Channels wind 8 to 5W tresh or strong: stowers; visibility good: see tooderate or rough. 9t George's Classical Wind W strong decreasing fresh; showers; visibility good; see tough becoming moderate. Irish See: Wind E to 5E moderate or tresh; showers; visibility good; see adolt to moderate.

Letter from Bhopal

A frantic clamour spoiling the view

prisoners had a marvellous tend to his flock", the people view of the old city by the were not much comforted.

After all, they reckoned, of Mogui architecture, the minarets of the splendid had saved them during the mosque. They could sense, night of December 3. So they even if they could not hear, have been packing their bass Bhopar's distant clamour, a and bundles and piling on to clamour that has become more urgent and frantic.
The two prisoners were

the managing director and the chairman of the Union Carbide plant. Until they were released on bail last night they were held, on charges of negligence, in their company's confidence. An act of faith, he own magnificent hilltop villa.

But theirs was a melancholy contemplation of the dramatic

view. Indeed, one of them said, just before his arrest: "I cannot see anything beautiful On the roads out of the city,

snaking across the landscape of dull pink rock, the people move in a relentless flow. It is impossible to say how many lakh - a hundred thousand -

or even two lakhs; but no one died in the gas leak 12 days ago.
The official figure is 1,300,

2,000. And there are some scrious people who say the total is much more than that. The Great Bhopal exodus has become a remarkable migration, a unique shifting of

population. The wish to leave has become a contagion. It means nothing that the Chief Minister of the state and others in authority have said there is no reason to panic, no need to evacuate. The undercurrent of fear is strong. People do not trust these highranking public servants any more. They do not trust experts. They do not trust

technology.

Tomorrow the experts, the chemical engineers and others will start the process of making safe the remaining 15 tonnes of MIC gas that devastated the city.

When the Chief Minister went on the radio and talked of the coming few days as

of the coming few days as "a moment of truth", and

From their comfortable suggested that everyone place of confinement the two should "leave it to God to

After all, they reckoned, neither God, nor government had saved them during the buses, trains, cars and carts. They were not much

impressed, either, buy the Chief Minister's pledge that during the operation to make it safe he would be at the plant, like some coalmine canary, to demonstrate his

says, not of bravado.

The exodus is another chapter in a scrible tale that has been, in its inevitability, a true tragedy.
It was a mistake to build

such a plant with its deadly and not well-understood chemicals so close to a teeming city. It was wrong to allow people, drawn from the countryside by Bhopal's econave left. omic growth, to set up their The newspapers talk of a colonies of rough houses so close to the factory gates.

Most people did not know can be sure, just as we cannot there was any risk. Those who be sure about the number who did know expected governthere was any risk. Those who echnology to protect them. Those who knew and

but newspapers, which have understood what was going done their own tallying, talk of on, who saw that equipment understood what was going and maintenance procedures were inadequate, sounded warnings. But these were ignored. It is not only in India that people with environmen-tal concerns inspire only the impatience of robust industrialists and public servants.

In the end, it seems, two low-grade workers were left stopping the gas from escap-ing. They panicked and ran. People and the fail-safe sys-tems failed.

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The dead are burnt and buried the community devastated, and more than a hundred thousand people have been left in varying degrees of pain, their lungs contaminated and no one knows what the gas will do to them over the years. Bhopai will become the centre of medical research and monitoring on a large scale. . .

Trevor Fishlock

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE Talbot Rice Art Centre, Old College, South Bridge, Ediaburgh; 10 to 5. Paintings, painted ceramics and knitwear collection by Sandra Children City Manager, Paged S.

Today's events

New exhibition

Drawings by Pierre Bonnard; City Museum and Art Gallery, Queens Rd, Bristol; Mon to Sat 10 to 5

Solution of Puzzle No 16,606

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16.612

A prize of The Times Atlas of the World (comprehensive edition) will be given for the first three correct solutions opened next Thursday. Entries should be addressed to: The Times, Saturday Crossword Competition, 12 Coley Street, London WC99 9YT. The winners and solution will be published next Saturday.

The winners of last Saturday's competition are: J. B. Fincher, 26 Fletcher Street, Heanor, Derbyshire : Roger D. Swaine, 26a Ellerdale Road, Hampstead, London, NW3 ; Mrs. A. J. Bentley, 7 Chevin View, Belper,

DOWN

(3,3).

1 Provocative article in Pravda

Short-sighted cricket shot? (6).

3 Pointlessly start on waiter perhaps, in restaurant (9).

4 Note the right amount for

6 Slow movement produced no

Rossini opera (4-4). Hampshire's no different, as is

7 Inclination to fade away,

trusted leader (6-6).

8 A little bird that

shown by safe seat (12).

in Yeats's lake-isle (9). 16 Composer of eg Irish plane

17 Argentine type is first-class (8).

19 Seat giving support (6).
24 Point to Elizabeth's favourite

advance (5).

general (8).

medley (8).

ACROSS

- 1 Immediately account we hear (5,3). 5 Destroyer's ruthless captain exactly (6).
 9 Cloth for Sicilian mountain
- 10 It allows only some to succeed in

eirl's back (8).

- late arrangement (6).

 12 Burns, for example, town in Berkshire (5).

 13 Magazine opposing nothing in Times, perhaps (9). 14 Declaration Al makes as expert at game (12).

 18 Disaffection of people in a Regent St disorder (12).
- 21 Bird alighting on French horse (9). 23 Relief when this investment's raised (5).
- 26 French artist almost going in (6).
 27 It's not in the body of the book, 22 He omits nothing
 - CONCISE CROSSWORD PAGE 13

Thomas Hamilton, Architect; Solution of Puzzle No 16,611

Buckinghamshire Crafts; Milton Keynes Exhibition Gallery, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes; 10 to 5.

Concert by the Connaught Players and Crofton Singers; Loughton Union Church, Essex, 8.

Concert by Rochester Choral
Society; Rechester Cathedral, 7.30.

Handel's Messlah: concert by

7.30.

Handel's Messiah by the Woburn Singers and the City of London Sinfonia: High Wycombe Parish Church, 7.30. Handel's Messiah by likley Choral Society; King's Hall, Ilkley,

Handel's Messiah by the Waynflete Singers, Winchester Cathedral Choir, The Parley of Instruments

and Baroque Orchestra; Winchester Cathedral, 7, Handel's Messiah; King George's Hall, Blackburn, 7. Christmas music

Christmas music by the Chantry Singers, St Stephen's Church, Lansdown, Bath, 7.30. ansdown, Bath, 7.30. Hatfield Philharmonic family carol concert; The Forum. Hatfield, 7.30.

Hertford Symphony Orchestra and the boys from the church choir, All Saints Church, Hertford, 7.30. Witham, 7.30.

Carols in candlelight; Hall Cross,
Comprehensive School, Thorne Rd,
Doncaster, 7.30.

Carols with St Michael's Singers

and Coventry Youth Orchestra Coventry Cathedral, 7.30. Carol service with the City of Belfast Youth Orchestra; St Anne's Cathedral, Belfast, 3. Christmas music by the Birming. ham Singers, Birmingham thedrai, 7.30.

Tomorrow

Royal engagements Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester, deputy Colonel-in-Chief, Royal Anglian Regiment attends a Christmas band concert in aid of the Army Benevolent Fund Werrington Sports Complex Peterbrough, 6.15. Last chance to see

Closing the Gap; photographs of eight young Midlands artists; Herbert Art Gallery and Museum, Samuel Palmer and the Ancient Adeane Gallery, Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge, 2,15 to 5.
Marianne Straub: 50 years as weaver, Holborne of Menstrie Museum, Pultency St, Bath; 2.30 to

Music Concert by Dundee Choral Union with the Scottish Philharmonia, Caird Hall, Dundee, 7.30. Concert by the Scottish National Orchestra, His Majesty's Theatre, Aberdeen, 7.30.
Concert by Scottish Brass,
Cowdray Hall, Aberdeen, 7.30. Christmas music

Festival of Christmas carols, Theatre Royal, Bath, 3 and 8.

Annual carol concert featuring the Cambridge Co-op Band; Guild-hall, Cambridge, 6.
Carols with the City of Birming-ham Choir, Town Hall, Birming-ham, 2.30.

Anniversaries

Births: George Romey, portrait painter, Dalton-in-Forness, Lanca-shire, 1734; Niels Finsen, physician, Nobel laureate 1903, Thorshavn,

leader, published figures show-

Concert by the Suffolk Symphony Orchestra and the Collegium Loreatum Choir, West Road Concert Hall, Cambridge, 7.30. Nobel laureate 1903, Thorshavn, Faero Islands, 1860.
Deaths: Jan Vermeer, painter, Delft, 1675; Izaak Walton, author of The Compleat Angler, Winchester, 1683; Sir George Cayley, pioneer of aerodynamics, Brompton Hall, Yorkshire, 1857; Sitting Bull, chief of the Sioux nation, Grand River, South Dakota, 1890; Wolfgang Pauli, physicist, Nobel laureate 1945, Zurich, 1958; Walt Disney.

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TOMORROW:
Births: Jane Austen, Steventon, Hampshire, 1775; Zoltan Kodáty, composer, Kecskemet, Hungary, 1882; Sir Neel Coward, Teddington, Middlesex, 1899.

Deaths: Richard Bright, physician, London, 1858; Wilhelm Grimm, collector of folk tales, Berlin, 1859; Camille Saint-Saëns, Algiers, 1921; Somerset Mangham, Nice. 1965: Harold Holt. Prime

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In the garden

Many pot plants sold as Christmas presents are dead by the end of January. Some die from neglect, by being kept in a draught, in too cold a room or on a windowsill between the curtains and the glass or a very cold spot on a frosty night, and some by over-watering. Always allow pot plants that are kept in the house or in a greenhouse to almost dry out between waterings. Most por plants sold today are grown in peat based composts. If these dry out the pots should be stood in a sink or basin of

should be stood in a sink or dash of tepid water until the compost has drawn up enough water to be thoroughly wet again.

Some tulip bulbs are already showing through the ground because of the mild annum; weather. They should not come to any harm but to be on the safe side you can cover them with a couple of inches of soil. Keep the floor of a greenhouse dry now, also the benches. Too moist an atmosphere encourages diseases, Pests are with us in a greenhouse pretty well all the time. greenhouse pretty well all the time -especially slugs from pots you have brought indoors.

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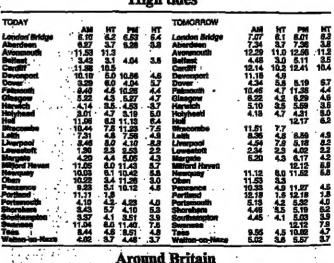
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